



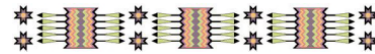
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Ada, Oklahoma

Chickasaw artist's design selected for state stamp



Image of the Oklahoma Centennial Stamp designed by Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen.

OKLAHOMA CITY - A postage stamp designed by Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen to commemorate the centennial of Oklahoma statehood was unveiled Sept. 9 at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.

The stamp, which will go on sale January 11, 2007, features an Oklahoma sunrise over a river in Oklahoma.

"When I consider the fact

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Hundreds celebrate Chickasaw Constitution

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - More than 1,000 Chickasaw citizens, employees and friends celebrated the 150th anniversary of the 1856 Chickasaw Constitution August 30 in Tishomingo.

The celebration took place at Pennington Park, only a few hundred feet from the original place of ratification August 30, 1856.

"I think our ancestors who

ratified the constitution would be surprised and quite proud to see the progress we've made," said Bill Anoatubby, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation. "We are proud to honor the spirit of those who established our modern constitution, and the spirit of those who have sustained it and will carry it into the future.

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2006 - 2007 Royalty crowned



Gov. Bill Anoatubby presents the 2006-07 Chickasaw Royalty. The new royalty were crowned during the annual Chickasaw Princess Pageant on Oct. 2 in Ada. The Chickasaw Royalty are, from left, Little Miss Chickasaw Caitlynn Sparlin, Junior Chickasaw Princess Nacobi Walker, and Chickasaw Princess Monica Seawright.

Longtime Chickasaw tribal legislator Mooniene Ogee passes away Sept. 16



Mooniene Perry Ogee

Mooniene Ogee, a Chickasaw legislator of 10 years, died Sept. 16. She will be remembered for her friendship and her service to others.

"She was a hard worker and a go getter, said Albion Ogee, Mrs. Ogee's husband of nearly 54 years. "She accomplished a lot."

Mr. Ogee had fond memories of the time the couple spent together working as public school

teachers and enjoying rodeos.

Mrs. Ogee had a 25-year career as a special education teacher. After retiring from the public school system, she returned to the profession to teach mentally handicapped students in a private school.

"She was a kind person who wanted to help people," Mr.

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CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**REGULAR SESSION**

David Stout Building

Ada, Oklahoma

August 18, 2006

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Scott Colbert called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Member absent: Donna Hartman

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: James A. Humes, Sue Simmons, Bill Ward, Mona Ward, Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, Ron Frazier, H. Dene Gardner, Charlie Russell, Paul Yates, Tony Choate

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - July 21, 2006

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Mr. Woods to approve the July 21, 2006 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of July 21, 2006 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Steve Woods

No report.

(B) **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Dean McManus

No report.

(C) **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 23-081, Approval of Consolidated Governmental Budget - Fiscal Year 2007

This resolution approves the attached Tribal Budget in the amount of \$1,764,000 and General fund Budget in the amount of \$66,532,000 for a Total Consolidated Governmental Budget of \$68,296,000.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Mr. Woods to approve GR23-081.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-081 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 023-091, Approval of Development Budget Amendment

The mission of the Chickasaw Lighthouse Police Department is to protect the lives and property of the people they serve, to reduce the occurrence and fear of crime, preserve the peace and provide a safe environment while working in partnership with the Indian and non-Indian communities to enhance their quality of life. Their mandate is to do so with honor and integrity, while at all times conducting themselves with the highest ethical standards to maintain the public trust. Centralized office space is needed for all current staff and additional staff in each of the departments of the division. Additional space is needed for support and associated organizations.

Other space needs include: training areas, evidence retention areas, crime lab facilities, interrogation and investigation area, communication and monitoring center, color guard armory and K9 unit facilities. Other issues include: security/lighting, telecommunications and connectivity to CN network. The former PEC building provides adequate space for all these needs and is at a central location. This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget in the amount of \$2,948,060 for the Lighthouse Police HQ Renovation.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-091.

Mr. Tim Colbert stated he was not in favor of either project. He felt the money could be better used to increase educational opportunities or provide more benefits for Senior Citizens especially the ones that live outside the Nation.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo

Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

Members voting no: Tim Colbert, Wilson Seawright

2 no votes

The motion to approve GR23-091 carried.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

(D) **LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 23-080, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous. Property Location: 501-509 South Townsend, Ada, Oklahoma; Use: To be utilized as an Education Intern Housing

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR23-080.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-080 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) **EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) **HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Mary Jo Green

Ms. Green reported Dr. Stephens was the new surgeon at Carl Albert and concluded her report.

(G) **HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Wilson Seawright

Mr. Seawright announced the 150th anniversary celebration of the 1856 Chickasaw Constitution to be held on August 30, in Tishomingo. He also reported the language retention classes have started in Ardmore, Tishomingo, Purcell and Ada and that the Hall of Fame Banquet, held last Friday, was well attended. He concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. James Humes stated he felt the Legislative minutes should include all discussion and more time should be spent on deliberating the people's business. He also commented on the need of a probate office, and more funding for the community councils so they could do their jobs. He also expressed a need for a Legislator to be present at the community council meetings to answer questions of the people.

Mr. Mike Watson commented on property purchases and changing the time of the Legislative Sessions so more citizens could attend.

AGENDA ITEM #8**ADJOURNMENT**

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Briggs, Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Bill Anoatubby
Governor



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Blessings we enjoy today built on dedication of Chickasaw families

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**
Governor

Chickasaw Nation

As this article is going to press, Chickasaws from across the country and around the world are preparing to gather for the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival. As tradition dictates, we gather together in our historic capitol city of Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

Every year at this time it is typical for Chickasaws to reflect on our special history and culture. We think about where we came from, our experiences in Indian Territory and Oklahoma, and our tribal future.

In historic terms, it was not very long ago at all that our Chickasaw ancestors were removed from our ancestral

Southeastern homelands. The Chickasaw Nation had built a huge and prosperous nation in what is now portions of Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky and Mississippi. Everything would change as our land became part of the United States, and the Removal began.

While the Chickasaw Nation negotiated a better agreement than most tribes, Removal was, of course, tragic and wrenching for Chickasaw families. Our people suffered from lack of food, water, shelter and adequate modes of travel. It is a wonder Chickasaws fared as well as they did, and that so many survived to make their way to Indian Territory.

Once here in what is now Oklahoma, Chickasaws initially



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

made do and did the things they had to do to survive. It was incredibly hard. However, the Chickasaw family once again survived, and our tribe soon discovered it could actually flourish in this new environment.

Despite the fact that there was little real housing, virtually no schools or businesses, and

roads that were actually more like paths, our ancestors began to rebuild our tribal nation. They established homes for their families, schools for their children and businesses that provided for the community and generated income for their owners.

Most importantly, the Chickasaws preserved their government and the institutions that were important to the people. We recently celebrated the 150th Anniversary of the ratification of our Chickasaw Constitution. As in modern times, Chickasaws knew their government was sovereign, and they knew it was essential for tribal identity and to serve the common good of the people.

Those early challenges, and the way in which our Chickasaw

ancestors met those challenges, have built the foundation on which we today thrive. Because of their sacrifice, determination and desire to succeed, we today enjoy the fruits of being the most dynamic tribe in the United States!

At Annual Meeting and Festival time, we can count the many blessings we have as Chickasaws. We can come together and remember our history, and celebrate our Chickasaw culture.

As always, thank you for your support of the tribe, and for the many prayers that have sustained us together over the years.

I sincerely hope I have the opportunity to see you at this year's Annual Meeting and Festival.

Chickasaw volunteer coordinator, local rodeo promoter passes away

A local rodeo promoter, champion volunteer, and wonderful Chickasaw man passed away September 22.

Ken Lance, 78, died in his sleep at his Union Valley, Okla. home. Mr. Lance left behind a legacy of kind and compassionate service to others. He was a tireless promoter of the Chickasaw Nation, and made a national reputation as a top rodeo man who drew big name cowboys and entertainers to his Union Valley rodeo.

Mr. Lance was born March 4, 1928 at Earlsboro, Okla. He grew up in the Chickasaw Nation and graduated from Durant (OK) High School. He soon embarked on a career as a professional rodeo cowboy and, later, rodeo promoter. Mr. Lance worked in his brother George's saddle shop in the old Julianna Hotel in downtown Ada for a time. He soon discovered his talent for promotions.

"Ken Lance was a tremendous and caring person," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "He lived a very full and active life."

Mr. Lance served for a number of years as coordinator of volunteers at the Chickasaw Nation Health System. He was most often seen at the front desk of Carl Albert Hospital, normally dressed in bright colors and bolo tie. "Hey, good to see you!" was his popular greeting to patients and visitors.

Years before his Health Sys-

tem duties, Mr. Lance was unquestioned king of Ada-area rodeo. His annual Ken Lance Rodeo brought the top competitors, stock and entertainers to the Ken Lance Sports Arena in Union Valley. He is credited with helping launch the careers of numerous country entertainers, including Reba McEntire and Tracy Byrd.

George Jones, Willie Nelson and Loretta Lynn were among the many country singers who performed at Mr. Lance's rodeo.

"Ken was someone who wished the best for everyone he met," longtime friend and Chickasaw Nation administrator Stanley Foster said.

"He really enjoyed helping people. He could be a real character, and he had a heart of gold."

Mr. Lance could be flamboyant, and that was part of his allure as a promoter. It was reported that, during his promotion days, he would travel with at least four hat boxes, several boot bags and numerous suitcases to contain his western garb.

"Ken was very proud of this area, and of the people of this area, and he traveled the country telling people about Ada and the Chickasaw Nation," Ada businessman Robbie Sherrell said. "Ken was a colorful guy and great to people. I was with him at dinners and receptions on many occasions. Ken never had

to leave his seat because people always came to him. And he was very gracious with everyone."

Mr. Lance was a self-described "country boy" who grew up mostly around the Fittstown, Okla. area. His father and mother were ranchers. Mr. Lance spent his early days working on the ranch, and learning to ride and rope. He became a national champion calf roper in 1962.

Whether acting as rodeo promoter or tribal volunteer, Mr. Lance never changed his positive attitude and genuine compassion for others.

"Ken was a showman and an entertainer, and he was a lover of

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Ken Lance, a Chickasaw Hall of Fame member, Health System volunteer coordinator, and famed local rodeo promoter, died Sept. 25.

Scott reelected in Pickens District runoff



Wanda Blackwood Scott

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission announced results of the recent legislative runoff election for Pickens District, Seat 4. Runoff ballots were counted September 19.

Incumbent Wanda Blackwood Tippet Scott received 967 votes (51.22 percent) to defeat challenger Sue Simmons, who received 921 votes (48.78 percent).

Mrs. Scott will join other legislative and judicial election winners for an Oct. 2 swearing-in. The oath of office ceremony

will take place at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Chickasaw Nation headquarters, 520 E. Arlington in Ada.

Mrs. Scott will be sworn in along with Pontotoc District legislators Holly Easterling and Dr. Judy Goforth Parker; Pickens District legislator David Woerz; Tishomingo District legislator D. Scott Colbert; and Chickasaw Supreme Court Justice Barbara Anne Smith.

For more information, contact tribal election secretary Rita Loder at (580) 310-6475 or toll free 1-888-661-0137.

Clothing grants for younger students now a reality



Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee!

Welcome to Autumn, 2006. We are thankful for cooler weather, but continue to pray for rain in the Chickasaw Nation. We are saddened by the loss of our dear friend and colleague Mooniene Ogee. She was a good and faithful Chickasaw and was especially thought of by our senior citizens and Honor Guard. We will certainly miss her.

The 150th year celebration of our Chickasaw Constitution was an event in Tishomingo enjoyed by hundreds. The short play was well received thanks to our own Chickasaw actors.

School is in full swing now and the youngsters are busy applying for the clothing grants. You can access Youth Services at www.chickasaw.net to apply online. The clothing grant for

Chickasaw youth Head Start through 12th grade was a dream of all of us on the Education Committee.

Plans are moving forward on our new hospital. Ground-breaking for the new Education building on Rosedale Road and on our Governmental Services building on Lonnie Abbott Blvd. were well attended. Our Education Department currently occupies rental properties in Ada and we are anxious to move them into their own building. The Governmental Services building will house the BIA, CDIB and Self Governance offices and departments.

I attended the National Indian Council on Aging conference in Tulsa. The Chickasaw Nation had the largest participation of

all the tribes because our seniors attended from throughout our Nation. Legislator Wanda Scott and I participated in the fashion show along with several other Chickasaws. I also entered the story telling competition where I told the story of how Bear lost his tail. We supported a resolution calling for the continuation of a national conference instead of regional conferences. A good time was had by all who attended!

Administrator Bill Lance submits the following statistics: In the month of August, 2006, there were 237 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 13,730. August Emergency Room visits were 1,158. August saw 287 sur-

geries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,522 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 3,830 patients in August. The Ardmore Clinic saw 3,604 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,623. The Durant Clinic saw 2,569 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,466 in August.

Until next month, may you each enjoy good health. I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.

Our lifestyle choices have great impact on pre-diabetes



Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings. If your month has been anything like mine, your family is already saying "Christmas" and the stores are starting to play those same familiar tunes. Every year, it seems to come more quickly. If you are like me, again, you probably remember as a kid that Christmas would take forever before it ever came around again. There are things and topics that I think we as a Nation will talk about for a long time, and diabetes is one of those topics.

I spent the past month attending meetings related to diabetes, and yes, we are continuing to work on the funding for diabetes in Indian country through

the reauthorization for diabetes funds that need to be renewed in 2008. In a recent meeting, I heard the former director of Indian Health Service, Dr. Everett Rhoades, reflect on our history with diabetes. He pointed to a time when we did not have Native Americans with diabetes. Dr. Rhoades talked about some of the great pioneer physicians who worked in the early research with diabetes. Dr. Kelly Moore was attributed with doing the first studies that related to diabetes and the then beginning of an epidemic. Dr. Moore was at the University of Oklahoma, and after his untimely death, Dr. Lee, also an O.U. physician, carried on with the work.

Dr. Rhoades talked about the inroads that have been made into the disease and the many new treatment modalities. He also reflected on the epidemic as it now stands today, and once again, he made me realize that we can do something about diabetes. Even though our numbers continue to grow, we are continuing to learn that diabetes can be combated with lifestyle changes.

I am like you in many ways. Sometimes, I do all of those "things" that I should do and walk several miles a week while making good eating choices. Other days, like today, I give in

and eat two brownies. Most of the time, however, I am aware that because of the family history of my father being diabetic, I probably also carry those genetic factors that increase my risk for diabetes. I know if is too early to be talking about Christmas, but this is the time of the year when the weather is turning colder and we tend to want to eat a little more of those good comforting foods that are common in this season of the year.

I encourage you to keep on walking. Continue to watch what you eat, and that does not mean just watch it go down. Really think about eating the foods that we know are better for us. If you are interested, help me in our battle to continue the funding for diabetes. The programs that have been instituted with the diabetes dollars that we have received as a result of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 have absolutely made a difference for all of Indian country, and the world. People are seeing the type of care that is provided in our facilities, and they are wanting to know what we are doing and how we are getting people involved in the fight against diabetes.

Again, I encourage you to email me at Judy.Parker@Chickasaw.net.

[net](http://www.chickasaw.net). Last month, I received several emails from those who want to be involved. We are currently building out list serve and want you to be included.

Have a great Fall season, and

I look forward to hearing from you.

Judy Goforth Parker, PhD,
RN

Chickasaw Legislator
Pontotoc District, Seat 2

Rep in Chickasha on October 16

A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha on October 16 to answer questions about tribal programs.

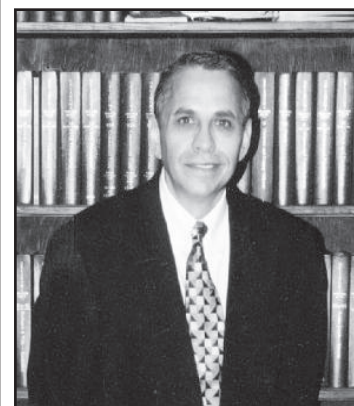
To find out more information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, community

health representatives, or other programs, visit Bettie Black at Oklahoma Workforce, 301 S. 2nd Street from 3 to 5 p.m.

A tribal representative will be available for questions at Oklahoma Workforce the third Monday of each month.

For more information, call (405) 527-6667.

Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday



D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

Tribe benefits from new facilities and programs, great people



Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everyone!

And aren't we all pleased to see the beginnings of Fall! I love the crispness that's already in the early morning air.

On the Legislature we are dealing with a great sadness, the death of one of our longtime legislators, Mooniene Ogee from the Pontotoc District. Mooniene was a dedicated legislator who came to every meeting expected of her and sometimes when she was not feeling well. There are thirteen legislators – and thirteen opinions – and Mooniene

always quietly and very articulately expressed hers. Although we are required by our tribal laws to call a special election to fill the seat vacated by our loss of her we will not soon quit feeling the loss. Keep her family and friends in your prayers.

Plans are moving rapidly forward for Festival Week and it is my hope you will be fortunate enough to be able to attend! SO MUCH to see and do!! It is a really grand, exciting time for our great Chickasaw Nation as we come together to celebrate who

and where we are and to honor all those who came before us on the wonderfully progressive journey, which is ours.

Decisions are being made on the details of the new hospital. The proposed location is such a beautiful piece of land. On the Legislature we get reports from the various department heads and we always look forward to our visit with Mr. Bill Lance, our hospital administrator. He is so informative on all aspects of our health care, both presently and projected for the future. We have

many talented people working for the interests of all of us in the Chickasaw Nation and we are so fortunate.

October 1 is the beginning of our "new year" in the Chickasaw Nation and all indications are that it will be a year of great and good happenings for the Chickasaw people. Take care of yourselves – Come to Festival if you possible can! – and may God bless every one of You!

Linda Briggs

Neurocare system worthy of investigation for diabetes symptom relief



Beth Alexander
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

like to share any memories of Mooniene with the family, you may send your condolences to Mr. Albion Ogee, 20664 CR 1520, Ada, Oklahoma 74820.

Here is an update on the Neurocare system (first mentioned in the August 2006 edition). On the 15th of September, the Diabetes Center hosted a meeting on the Neurocare system. Mr. Tom Oliver flew down from the home office, Mariah Lee attended from the New Traditions Clinic in Tulsa, and Mr. Jerry Imotichey and Mr. Rick O'Mara were on hand to share their testimonies on how the Neurocare system has made a life change for them. There was much discussion about the validity of the machine and could it really assist our people. My stance was and still is that the Chickasaw people have a right to know about the possibilities of the muscle stimulator and the option of using it to assist them in their diabetes symptoms. What is your opinion? If you would like these machines to be available in the Chickasaw Nation Health System and to the Chickasaw people, please call the Carl Albert Hospital (1-800-851-9136 or 1-580-436-3980)–ask for the Diabetic Center and let them know. Let me remind you, the Neurocare System is FDA approved and does require a doctor's prescription for use. This system is NOT a cure for Diabetes. It will aid in fighting the discomforts and symptoms of this disease such as, neuropathy, lack of good blood circulation,

and muscle atrophy to name a few. If it assists one person in their fight against diabetes then it is worth having available to all. I would like to thank Mr. Bobby Saunkeah and all of the staff of the Diabetes Center for hosting the meeting and taking time to meet and discuss the new options available for our people. Our Diabetes Center is doing a great job and their efforts are commendable. If you would like to learn more about the Neurocare system you can call Tom Oliver toll free 1-888-671-6605 or visit the web site www.neurocare.com. The New Traditions Clinic is located in Tulsa, OK. Mrs. Mariah Lee. (918) 439-9060.

On August 30, 2006 in Tishomingo, Oklahoma the Chickasaw Nation hosted the 150 year anniversary of the 1856 Constitution. Simplified: In 1844, we decided to separate our form of government from the Choctaw government and this Constitution, twelve years later, marked the beginning of our very own Chickasaw government. (If you would like to know more on the history of our Constitutions contact Mr. Wilson Seawright (580) 223-3358 or the Headquarters 580-436-2603)

The celebration was held at Pennington Park. There was entertainment, food, fun, fellowship and the event was finished up with a spectacular fireworks display. During the evening, short one act plays were performed of historical events that



From left, Wilson Seawright, Donna Hartman, Mooniene Ogee and Beth Alexander. This photo was taken at the Chickasaw Constitution Day Celebration on August 30 and is the last picture of Mooniene Ogee before her passing.

surrounded the 1856 Constitution. There was a tent set up for children and youth activities. Everyone (young and old) who participated came away smiling and carrying goodies. And the rest of us just ate, had pictures made to mark the occasion and visited-something we don't take timeout to do. To sum up this event I must quote my friend Lynie, "This was just a good

family time. Just Chickasaws brought together to celebrate and fellowship. I wish we could do this more often." I agree with you, Lynie.

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Great assistance choices available for Chickasaw students



Wanda Blackwood Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Right now is a great time to be a Chickasaw student!

Not only do Chickasaw students have more career opportunities than ever before, they also have access to numerous tribal programs designed to assist them as they prepare for success in those careers.

Last year, during the fall and spring semesters plus the summer term, the tribe provided program funding which assisted over 2,300 Chickasaw students. Students received tuition assistance, text book grants, vo-tech

assistance, internships and recognition through the Governor's Honor Club.

Now, more great programs to encourage education are coming on line!

Chickasaw college students who maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average may now become members of the Chickasaw Honor Society. This recognition includes a \$500 reward once the student reaches sophomore level. Upon graduation, honor students receive \$1,000!

Students may now also receive up to \$500 for help with fees associated with licenses

and certification related to their degree program. Laptop computers are now also available to Chickasaw college students who are at least full-time sophomores and maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

For our younger students, there are so many fun new tools!

The Chickasaw Reading Program offers books to children up to age 5. Young students who do not have a Head Start or other preschool program in their area can now access the High Reach Curriculum Program. This program provides curriculum that

gets kids off to a great school beginning.

A wonderful new program is called Chickasaw Language Flashcards. Kids have fun as they become familiar with our language.

These are just a few of the new programs in our education outreach. We are always working to bring new programs to our valuable Chickasaw students. We want them to enjoy learning, and be successful as adult Chickasaws!

Thank you and I look forward to talking with you soon.

Bullfights Oct. 20 in Ada

The Chickasaw Nation is a primary sponsor of a World Championship Rodeo bullfight event October 20 in Ada.

The country's top 15 bullfighters will be in Ada for the World Championship Finals beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, October 20 at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex. The cowboys will be up against some of the toughest stock in the country in Rex Dunn's world class fighting bulls.

A purse totaling \$20,000 will be up for grabs, along with a world champion belt buckle valued at \$4,500. A championship trophy will also be awarded.

Attendees will also enjoy some great country music and entertainment.

Kicking off the event at 7 p.m. Friday will be the Blackwood Gospel Quartet. On Saturday, October 21 country music star Moe Bandy will be in concert beginning at 7 p.m.

Also on hand will be Keith Isley, who will return to amuse kids of all ages.

The voice of World Championship Rodeo bullfighting, Hadley Barrett, will call the bullfighting action along with famed PRCA announcer Randy Corley.

Tickets go on sale Monday, October 9 at Steppin' Out Western Store and Sharpe's Department Store, in Ada. Tickets are \$15.

Citizens At Large Help Number

For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

Thank you from Wilson Seawright



Wilson Seawright
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to the Chickasaws who supported me in this year's Election and the many years, in which I have served. I feel the support I receive comes from the heart and soul of the Chickasaw Nation, the grass roots Native American people who truly believe the Chickasaw Nation could be better. I look forward to visiting with my Chickasaw friends at all the places where Chickasaws gather.

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Wilson Seawright

THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL ELECTION 2006 SPECIAL ELECTION SCHEDULE PONTOTOC DISTRICT, SEAT 3

September 25: Mail Special Election Notice postcards (Pontotoc District)

October 11-13: Candidate filing period (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)

October 16: Last day to submit photo & biography to "Chickasaw Times"; by 12 noon. Press release for candidates (news/media)

October 17: Voter Registration closes

Challenge to Candidacy ends

October 18: Drawing for position on the ballot (1:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)

Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's.

October 23: Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

November 8: Last day to appoint a watcher.

November 14: Last day to return ballots (no later than 10:30 a.m.)

2006 Special Election, Pontotoc District, Seat 3

Ballot tabulation begins at 11 a.m.

Unofficial results posted immediately

Press Release made to public.

Voter registration re-opens, if no run-off election.

November 17: Recount period ends.

November 20: Oath of Office Ceremony (1:30 p.m. at the headquarters lg. conf. rm.)

THE CHICKASAW NATION 2006 SPECIAL RUN-OFF ELECTION SCHEDULE (IF NEEDED)

November 20: Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's.

Ballots mailed to all qualified voters for run-off election district(s).

December 6: Last day to appoint a watcher for the run-off election.

December 12: Last day to return ballots (no later than 10:30 a.m.)

2006 Special Run-Off Election, Pontotoc District, Seat 3

Ballot tabulation begins at 11 a.m.

Unofficial results posted immediately

Press Release made to public.

Voter registration re-opens

December 15: Recount period ends.

December 18: Oath of Office ceremony (1:30 p.m. at the headquarters lg. conf. rm.)

September 2006 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 23-092

Authorization for the Chickasaw Nation to Enter into an Agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, for the Tribal Operation of the Indian Reservation Roads Program

Explanation: Currently, the Chickasaw Nation compacts with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Indian Reservation Roads Program (IRR). The funding for the IRR program comes from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT). An act of congress allows Indian tribes to sign agreements directly with the USDOT, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This resolution will allow the Chickasaw Nation to enter into an agreement directly with the USDOT-FHWA for the IRR program. The staff of the roads program and I believe this is advantageous to the Chickasaw Nation.

Requested By: Governor Bill Anoatubby

Presented By: Steve Woods, Committee Chair Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Hol-

ly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 23-093

Approval of Revised Salary Scale

Explanation: This resolution approves the new and revised salary scale. The salary scale has not been adjusted since 1995. It is imperative that the Chickasaw Nation remain competitive in the job market by paying salaries which are competitive with those paid by other organizations. This will help ensure the Chickasaw Nation continues to attract the most qualified applicants and it will help in employee retention by allowing salaries to be more competitive.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: Steve Woods, Committee Chair Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 23-094

Application for Membership, National Congress of American Indians

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for membership in the National Congress of American Indians. This is the same application which is submitted to the legislature for approval each year, and is drafted in accordance with the specifications and requirements of the NCAI. The NCAI has been instrumental in supporting issues of importance to Native Americans. As an independent group, NCAI is representative of the largest concentration of Native Americans, and is often called upon by Congress to provide information and testimony on important Indian subjects. The Chickasaw Nation has been a member in good standing in NCAI since the early 1980s. This resolution names the representatives of the Chickasaw Nation to NCAI.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: Dean McManus, Committee Chair Human Resources Committee
Steve Woods, Committee

Chair Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 23-095

Approval of Development Budget Amendment

Explanation: This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget in the amount of \$3,920,512 for construction of the Ada Child-care Center.

Requested by: Governor

Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: Linda Briggs, Committee Chair Finance Committee

Yes votes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

No votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

General Resolution Number 23-096

Indication of Support for the Oklahoma City Area Inter-

See Resolutions, page 35

Committee Reports

Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

September 11, 2006

Present: Tim Colbert, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Education Committee

September 5, 2006

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

Absent: Scott Colbert

Finance Committee

September 5, 2006

Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright

Absent: Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Finance Committee

September 11, 2006

Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Health Committee

September 5, 2006

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott

Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Scott Colbert

Human Resources Committee

September 5, 2006

Present: Dean McManus, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Linda Briggs

Absent: Donna Hartman, Scott Colbert

Human Resources Committee

September 11, 2006

Present: Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Scott Colbert

Absent: Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee

Land Development Committee

September 5, 2006

Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs

Absent: Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Legislative Committee

September 5, 2006

Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright

Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Legislative Committee

September 11, 2006

Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Mooniene Ogee

Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee

September 5, 2006

Present: Wilson Seawright, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Scott Colbert

2006-2007 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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Tribal sovereignty a key issue for Cole

Chickasaw Congressman seeking reelection to Oklahoma's Fourth District



U. S. Rep. Tom Cole

Protecting tribal sovereignty is a high priority for U. S. Rep. Tom Cole, a Chickasaw who is currently the only American Indian serving in Congress.

Rep. Cole, a Republican who is running for election to his third term as Oklahoma Fourth Congressional District representative, keeps a picture of Charles David Carter in his office. Carter was the first Chickasaw elected to Congress 100 years ago when many people doubted whether the Chickasaw Nation would survive.

"A lot of people thought all our tribes would be destroyed and would wither away," said Rep. Cole. "And the fact that they haven't is because some very, very, brave and tenacious people protected tribal identity and tribal rights in a difficult period."

"It would be a shame now, when we're in a renaissance in Indian Country if we lost those rights those people fought so hard under such difficult circumstances to protect."

One of the most recent battles to protect sovereignty came during a vote on a bill which would have revised the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

That bill would have required tribal governments to negotiate with local governments when opening gaming facilities.

"Philosophically, it's wrong to make a local government the equivalent of a tribal government," said Rep. Cole. "That diminishes tribal sovereignty and elevates local governments to a much higher position than they ought to have under the Constitution."

"Tribal governments are sovereign units just like state governments are and foreign countries are under the United States

Constitution. Local governments are created by the state."

While many tribes, including the Chickasaw Nation, choose to work with local governments to provide payments in lieu of property taxes or assist with infrastructure needs, such action has never been required.

"No tribe has ever been forced to negotiate with a local government to get permission to do a lawful activity. And once that starts, it will never stop," he said.

Even though Rep. Richard Pombo, who introduced the bill, has generally been a good friend to Indian Country, and the bill was well-intentioned, it nevertheless threatened to erode tribal sovereignty.

This situation points out the need to educate the public on the sovereignty issue.

"I think there needs to be tremendous work done (to educate people) on the sovereignty issue," said Rep. Cole. "It's a difficult issue for most Americans to understand."

He said many Americans don't understand that Indian nations were sovereign entities who negotiated with European nations before the United States was formed, and that the U.S. Constitution recognizes the sovereignty of Indian nations.

"To me, you can't call yourself a conservative and be against tribal sovereignty. I thought that being a conservative means you are strict in constructing the Constitution of the United States."

"This is something our founding fathers thought was important, that we have 200 years of tradition recognized both in law and judicial decisions and we should not throw away this unique status and allow it to be eroded."

Rather than allowing tribal sovereignty to be eroded, Rep. Cole argues it should be expanded.

"We're not always playing defense," he said. "Sometimes, we try to make sure that for certain grants and things of that nature, tribal governments are eligible just like local governments are."

Federal Funding and Self-Governance

Gaining adequate federal

funding for tribal programs is another high priority for Rep. Cole.

"The Indian Health Care Improvement Act is critically important and needs to be re-authorized," he said. "Frankly, we need to increase funding for the Indian Health Service in my opinion."

Maintaining and expanding funding for education as well as other tribal programs and services is also important.

Expansion of self-governance initiatives is also important in improving tribal programs and services.

"I always argue that if you really say you are a conservative - and most Oklahomans do say that whether they are Republicans or Democrats - we sort of believe that government that is closest to the people works best, because it's immediately accessible to the people and they can make their wishes known, Rep. Cole said.

"Tribal governments are much more accountable to their own citizens and are much more likely to act responsibly with the money and resources that both they generate and that flow to them from the federal government because of treaty

obligations. So, I think that maintaining that self-sufficiency and allowing tribes to administer programs and devolving responsibilities away from Washington to the tribes and providing the resources to meet those responsibilities are extraordinarily important."

While that is happening to some degree, Rep. Cole said it should be expanded.

"I think tribes are very sophisticated - many of them - and have top-flight professionals in their elected leadership and in the people that work for them in their various tribal industries and tribal government," he said. "So, we're at a point where things that may not have been possible 10 years ago are possible today."

Tribal Impact on Oklahoma Economy

Rep. Cole is also working with all members of the Oklahoma Congressional delegation on bills dealing with tax incentives in the state.

The first will extend tax incentives for businesses that locate or expand on former Indian lands. The second bill will extend a tax credit for businesses that hire Native Americans and their spouses.

Many Oklahomans are familiar with these tax credits in Indian Country, however, some do not understand how tribal economic development benefits the state.

Rep. Cole pointed out that with 10,000 employees, the Chickasaw Nation is one of the largest employers in the state, and many of the people the tribe employs are not tribal citizens.

"Another thing that's important for the state of Oklahoma is those are tribal headquarters that are never going to Dallas or to Houston, and those are jobs that are never going to China."

"Our people are deeply rooted where they're at. And while they're going to have economic activities all over the country and indeed perhaps all over the world, that's going to flow back into the 13 counties that make up the historic Chickasaw Nation."

"Our tribes are bound to the state and localities in ways that no company ever is. We'll never have a situation as we did with some of our great oil companies where after 100 years they picked up and moved."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Tribal legislators, judge sworn in



Recently elected tribal officials are sworn in by Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Justice Mark Colbert. From left are Pickens District Seat 4 legislator Wanda Blackwood Scott; Pickens District Seat 1 legislator David Woerz; Tishomingo District Seat 1 legislator D. Scott Colbert; Pontotoc District Seat 2 legislator Dr. Judy Goforth Parker; Pontotoc District Seat 1 legislator Holly Easterling; and Barbara Anne Smith, Judicial Department Seat 2.

Chickasaw administrator Pat Woods honored by NICOA



Chickasaw Nation Program Operations Division Administrator Pat Woods was recently honored at the National Indian Council on Aging Conference in Tulsa for 26 year of dedicated service to the organization's board.

Chickasaw Nation Program Operations Division Administrator Pat Woods was recently honored at a luncheon that took place during the 30th Anniversary Conference of the National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) in Tulsa.

Mrs. Woods was honored for her 26 years of excellent service as a NICOA Board Member.

She also has the distinction of being the longest serving board member in the history of the organization and the only woman to serve as chairperson.

Mrs. Woods, along with other former board members in attendance, was awarded with a framed certificate of appreciation, a NICOA coffee mug and a Native American art print.

She also had the honor of opening the luncheon ceremonies and welcoming the large crowd of Indian elders and introducing Chickasaw Nation Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel who served as the Keynote Speaker.

NICOA was founded in 1976 by members of the National Tribal Chairmen's Association. The association called for a national organization to advocate for improved, comprehensive health and social services to American Indian and Alaska Native elders. NICOA was formed and still works to fulfill that calling today.



Pat Woods

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Tribal business performance assists funding of important capital projects

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and Lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education

scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the current year. Depreciation will be computed after year end in connection with the audit.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending August 31, 2006

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations totaled \$78.0 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were \$4.1 million and \$32.1 year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2005, of \$82.5 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for August totaled \$55 million and \$516 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$172 million year-to-date. After

transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$73 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At August 31, 2006, the tribal government funds had \$51 mil-

lion in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$9.6 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$115 million in cash and investments of which \$84 million is reserved for accounts payable and \$30 million is reserved for reinvestment in present and new businesses.

As of August 31, 2006, tribe operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling \$590 million with \$94 million in payables resulting in net assets of \$496 million compared to \$391 million at the beginning of fiscal year 2006 or an increase of \$105 million for the period then ended.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Eleven Months Ended August 31, 2006

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	\$ 5,936,418	516,932,868	522,869,286
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	72,089,068	(72,089,068)	(0)
Total funds available	78,025,486	444,843,800	522,869,286
Expenditures			
General government	6,177,087		6,177,087
Legislature	1,295,950		1,295,950
Judiciary	570,799		570,799
Education	6,262,628		6,262,628
Heritage Preservation	2,412,818		2,412,818
Health	6,078,299		6,078,299
Youth and Family Services	4,430,454		4,430,454
Nutrition Programs	1,912,384		1,912,384
Regulatory	1,385,922		1,385,922
Assistance Programs	1,703,929		1,703,929
Transfer to Loan Program	-		-
Gaming expense		268,568,770	268,568,770
Other businesses' expense		102,380,176	102,380,176
Total expenditures	32,230,270	370,948,946	403,179,215
Increase in net assets	45,795,217	73,894,854	119,690,071
Beginning net assets	168,970,718	207,478,370	376,449,088
Ending net assets	\$ 214,765,935	281,373,224	496,139,159

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets August 31, 2006

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 51,303,127	115,138,658	166,441,785
Receivables	3,349,420	23,404,591	26,754,011
Inventory		4,624,074	4,624,074
Prepaid expenses		5,749,447	5,749,447
Other Assets		15,571,316	15,571,316
Fixed assets	160,706,573	211,123,179	371,829,752
Less payables	(593,185)	(94,238,042)	(94,831,227)
Net Assets	\$ 214,765,935	281,373,224	496,139,159

Chickasaw students all winners in Constitution art contest

As part of the 150th Constitution Celebration, the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities sponsored at Constitution Day Art Competition for Chickasaw students in grades three through 12.

Students were able to enter two-dimensional art or photography with the theme "Chickasaw Nation Celebrating 150 Years of Constitutional Government."

A panel of judges examined a number of entries to determine winners in each age group. Each winner was awarded a cash prize, ribbon and trophy.

Each artist included a narrative explaining their entry. The

winners included:

Third through Fifth Grade Division:

- 1st Place – Cheyenne Umsted, of Sulphur, Okla.

150 Years of Progress – "The Chickasaw people began with bows and arrows and weaved baskets. Along came the Council House and the Chickasaws made a government. With progress, the Chickasaws made it to outer space."

- 2nd Place – Mariah Smith, of Norman, Okla.

The Growth of a Nation – "Our constitution began with one idea; it's growing and changing with time. As time goes by, the power of our Constitution

and our people gets greater and greater."

Sixth through Eighth Grade Division:

- 1st Place – Sylvia McGee, of Duncan, Okla.

Then, Now and Forever – "The Chickasaw Nation's Constitutional Government was established on the idea of keeping our people together for all time. Helping maintain our families was a goal set by our tribe for as far back as history goes. A strong cultural recognition is a goal that we as a people are striving to meet."

Ninth through Twelfth Grade Division:

- 1st Place – Cherokee Durant,

of Pierre, S.D.

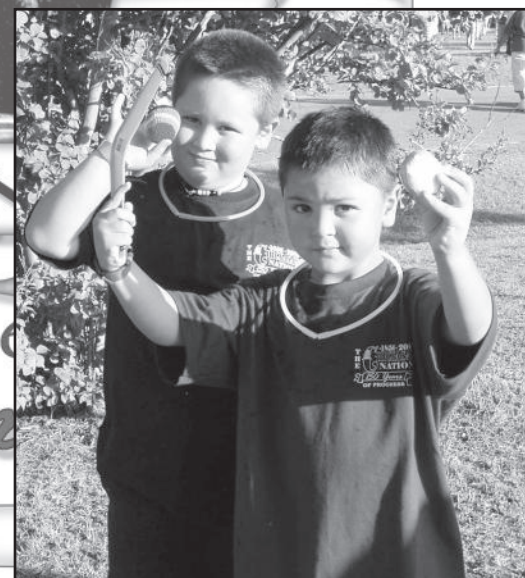
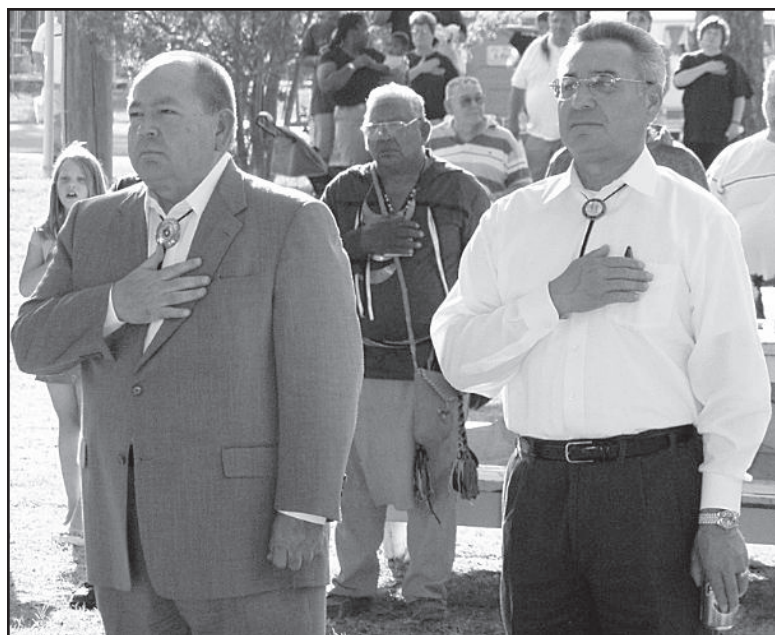
150 Years as the Unconquerable – "This fine masterpiece of mine reflects my opinion on how important the Constitution is to our Chickasaws. The left side interprets the ancient world of our tribe before it became a great nation. The Constitution in the middle, which has a romantic touch, represents the cause of our freedom and rights, or without this document we would probably be under the rule of another tribe and we wouldn't be as successful as we are today. The right side represents how our world changed through the years. The crossed sticks, from the Chickasaw's

great sport known as stick ball, tell us that even though our lives and culture changed due to the Constitution, there are still some similarities between the ancient world and our world today."

- 2nd Place – Amanda Kretzschmar, of Allen, Okla.

Sunshine of our Past – "It's a Native American Indian reflecting on the glory days past. It shows how much our heritage has grown and how far our history goes. The title 'Sunshine of our Past' is a reflection or like the sunshine causes reflection, the sunshine reflects how great our past is."

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.



Essay contest winners write of Constitution's importance

Junior high and high school students from Oklahoma to South Dakota and beyond submitted essays commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Chickasaw Nation constitution.

Applicants had to provide accurate information on how the tribal constitution defines today's government and its importance to daily operations in a 1,000-word essay.

The winners of the high school division were Stephanie Black, first place, and Paul Johnson, second place.

Stephanie Black is a high school junior from Wylie, Texas. Her pride in her Chickasaw heritage and her confidence in the Chickasaw government are exhibited in her essay. She creatively compared the rules of board games to the rules that construct the constitution in her essay.

"Just as a young man reminiscing about the days of his childhood playing games, the Chickasaw people can gaze to the past and understand that devoid of the Chickasaw Constitution and their predecessor's efforts, there would be a lack of achievement. The citizens of the Chickasaw Nation are the miniature pieces placed out amongst the game board of existence, waiting to make a move as their creator rolls the dice. Life is comparable to a game and one must know how to play it by the rules of progress...", Miss Black wrote.

Second-place winner Paul Johnson is a high school junior from Stratford, Okla. He demonstrates his gratification as a Chickasaw by discussing the

unmatched level of public service that the Chickasaw Nation is able to provide to its citizens because of a sound constitution that is functioning and thriving 150 years following ratification. He states that although the constitution was modeled after the U.S. constitution, the Chickasaw constitution has surpassed the federal constitution in effectively delivering public services.

"Elders can receive education on nutrition and receive a care giver. Chore and maintenance is offered for their homes. Insurance is made available to them. The Chickasaw Nation takes great strides in helping the ones who have made this nation what it is today. The federal government can not compare," Mr. Johnson wrote.

Junior high winners included Cheyenne Durant, first place, Sara Miller, second place and Zach Garcia, third place.

Cheyenne Durant is a 14-year-old from Pierre, South Dakota. Her essay focused on the history of the constitution and the strength of our ancestors.

"The constitution is a symbol of bravery within the hearts of the people who suffered so many hardships, such as great chief Tishomingo. The Chickasaw people have shown their true warrior spirit by demanding their own constitution and wanting a better way of life for future generations. The constitution not only signifies the courage of the people, but helps ensure the tribe will remain a strong sovereign nation," Miss Durant wrote.

Second place winner Sara Miller is a ninth-grader from Ada, Okla. In her essay, she describes the attributes of the Chickasaw people that allowed them to establish a lasting constitution that is still relevant

today.

"The document (constitution) was ratified at Good Spring in 1856. In the years that followed, the United States Federal Government tried to destroy many different tribes, including our own. The strength, patience and endurance that our ancestors possessed didn't allow that to happen. Those important traits allowed our tribe to achieve more than ever imagined," Miss Miller wrote.

Third place winner Zach Garcia is a junior high student from Ada, Okla. His essay describes how the constitution enabled the Chickasaw Nation to personally enrich the life of his grandparents. He also discussed how the constitution provides a voice for a people who were once silenced and expected to assimilate.

"For close to seven years up until my grandpa's last day, the Chickasaw Nation sent chore service way out to Allen to help

him. They also gave him food. Along with all of that, they built a ramp for my grandpa to use and did several repairs on their house," Mr. Garcia wrote. "The constitution was the beginning of the Chickasaw Nation. It told every way to become a well-led and successful nation. It also gave the people rights and a voice in the world. We still have that voice today."

Contributed by Kandis Murdock, tribal media relations.



The Cast of the 150th Anniversary of the Chickasaw Constitution, include, back row from left, Robert Cheadle "Jackson Kemp;" Darrell Walker "Joel Kemp;" Jeremy Wallace "George James;" Rick Miller "Edmund Pickens;" Matt Morgan "Cyrus Harris;" Robert Blair "Winchester Colbert;" Ted Underwood "Ianeah;" Steve Jacob "Sampson Folsom." Middle row from left, Stephanie Scott "Elizabeth;" Debbie Walker "Lucy;" Kate Duty "Constance;" Pam Aguilar "Abigail." Front row from left, Masheli Billy "Jake Pate;" Kaci Sealey "Mary Beth;" Nahihli Billy "Douglas."

150th Celebration, continued from page 1

"We call our nation the unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation, and the reason it is unconquerable is because of the unconquerable spirit of Chickasaws."

A one-act play written by Laura Clark, Lorie Robins and Jeannie Barbour and produced by the tribe's Division of Arts and Humanities illustrated some of the issues involved in the development of the modern constitution.

Some of the issues involved included the structure of the government and public education.

Public education and the structure of government were somewhat controversial as Chickasaws of the time de-

bated whether they would retain traditional ways or adopt more modern forms of education and government.

More progressive factions of the tribe prevailed and the tribe voted for a three-branch system of government with a governor as chief executive.

Leaders of the time also decided to provide for public education so children would be prepared to succeed in modern society.

A huge meal was prepared for Chickasaws involved in ratifying the Constitution and electing Cyrus Harris as the tribe's first governor.

Similarly, those attending the sesquicentennial celebration enjoyed a generous dinner

featuring barbecue, pashofa and hot dogs.

As attendees enjoyed the meal, gospel singers provided entertainment, while youngsters enjoyed sack races, ring toss, horseshoe games and numerous other activities on the lawn.

Other activities included tours of the capitol and a special Constitution Day awards ceremony.

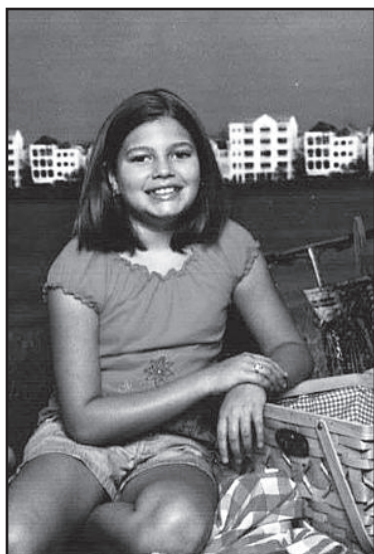
Prizes were awarded to the winners of the student Constitution Day art contest and student Constitution Day essay competition.

An exciting fireworks display rounded out the evening's activities.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.



Happy Birthday



Amara Ingle

Amara Ingle celebrated her 11th birthday July 3, 2006. She celebrated with a water slide party at her home. She completed the 2005-2006 school year as a member of the Governor's Honor Roll, making straight A's. She received Top Achiever in her class, and received math and reading awards and a perfect attendance certificate. She played softball this summer in the catcher's position. Her team won second place and a sportsman award.

Your family is very proud of you and loves you very much!

Love you,

Juston, Mom, Keeley and Chayton



Keely Ingle

Keely Ingle celebrated her eighth birthday August 15, 2006. She celebrated with a swimming party at the Madill (OK) pool.

Keely completed the 2005-2006 school year with straight A's and received a citizenship award. She played softball this summer where her team finished first.

We love you Keely and are proud of you!

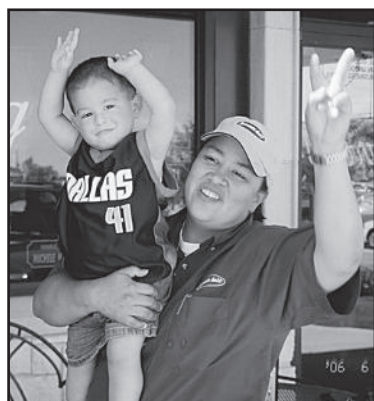
Juston, Mom, Amara and Chayton



Anna Kidd

Anna Caroline Kidd celebrated her first birthday Sept. 1, 2006 in the Piney Woods of Southeast Texas with her parents Frank and Disiree Kidd, her grandmother, Caroline Friend and many other family members and friends.

Anna is the great-great-granddaughter of Jewell Worsham, an original enrollee.



Isaac Martinez with his Aunt Michele.

Isaac Martinez, 1/4 Chickasaw, turned two years old Sept. 7, 2006.

He is the son of Ca'ske Martinez and Yvonne Villanueva, of Houston.

He is the grandson of Barbara (Gipson) and Frank Martinez, Dallas. He is the great-grandson of full-blood Chickasaws Minnie and the late Andrew Gipson, Stonewall, Okla.

Isaac loves to laugh and has begun to talk. He is really learning a lot of new words.

Letter to Editor:

I really appreciate the care package you have sent me, it helps me out a lot. We usually don't have time to run to the store to get these items and you just saved me a trip. Thanks.

And also, they usually have limited items, such as soap and shampoo. We have to catch them on their store-stocking days.

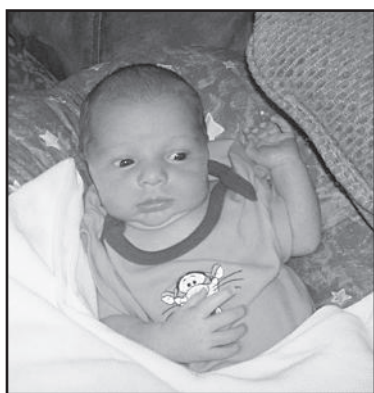
I also want to thank Class #3

from Ardmore for their flag that they made me out of construction paper, it is hanging above my bed.

In return, I proudly represent the Chickasaw Nation and serve my country with honor.

Timothy Ortega

Births



Gavin Lewis

Kevin and Krystal Lewis of Ardmore, Okla., announce the birth of their son, **Gavin Lee Lewis**. Gavin was born August 25, 2006 at Ada, Okla. He weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz., and measured 19.9 inches.

He joins a sister Reegan, 5, and a brother, Daylon, 4.

His maternal grandparents are Betty Higgins and Frankie Whitmore. His paternal grandparents are Albert Lewis and Nancy Murriilo, both of Ardmore.



Zoe Moreno

Zoe Isabella Moreno was born July 4, 2006 at 8:23 p.m. in Oklahoma City.

She weighed nine lbs. and measured 21 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Angela (Boyle) and Martin Moreno. She is the granddaughter of the late Alberta June Adcock and the great-granddaughter of the late Inez Thompson Adcock and James Adcock. Zoe is proud of her Chickasaw heritage.



Brooklyn Smith

Richard and Laura Smith of Fort Worth, Texas announce the newest addition to their family, **Brooklyn Marie Smith**. Brooklyn was born August 1, 2006. She weighed 6 lb., 1 oz., and measured 19 inches at birth.

Brooklyn is the youngest of six children.

She is the newest of six generations of Chickasaws starting with her great-great-great-grandmother, Nannie Wade Leslie, of Ada, Okla., and the great-granddaughter of Flora Pat James, of Yakima, Wash.

Citizen of the Year



Amanda Havern

EL RENO, Okla. - Amanda (Von Tungeln) Havern of El Reno was recently named Canadian County Citizen of the Year. The award was recognition for a lifetime of giving and community work in the county that has been home for most of her life.

One of Mrs. Havern's main contributions was to start a Red Cross swimming program that has improved water safety for hundreds of local families by teaching children to swim. She also started a cooperative speech pathology service for rural schools in the

area and spent over 20 years providing services to children with speech and language problems in the rural communities of the county.

Her other contributions include serving on the Canadian County 4-H Foundation, the Canadian County Red Cross Board, 10 years on the Canadian Valley Technology Center Board and serving on that organization's foundation board. "Mom has dedicated her life to serving other people and we are very proud of her for receiving this honor" Mrs. Havern's son, Chris, said. "Over the years, she's had a positive impact on hundreds of people in the community."

Mrs. Havern lives in El Reno with her husband, Tim. Her family includes her son Chris, wife Amy and grandsons Justin, Logan and Blake and son Jeff, wife Yuki and grandsons Kendall, Derek and Dominick.

Her mother is the late Charline Penner Von Tungeln, born in Mill Creek, Oklahoma in 1914.



2006 World Series Champions



Back row from left, coaches, J.D. Jackson, Larry Jesse and Chris Watkins. Middle row from left, Jason Khoury, Jayson Ellis, Dakota Jesse, Levi Prater and Coit Morton. Front row from left, Brig Ray, Cody Mills, Bailey Mairel, Ethan Jackson, Nolan Feazle and Jackson Waddell.

The Byng Barracudas six-and-under team recently competed in the 2006 NABF World Classic tournament at Del City, Okla.

The Barracudas took first place in the six-year-old division. Ethan Jackson, Dakota Jesse and Levi Prater were selected

to the "All Tournament Team." The Cudas finished their season with a 39-2 record.

Father, son visit Mud Island



Logan and Chris Havern

Logan and Chris Havern and other family members recently spent an afternoon at Mud Island in Memphis, Tenn., and discovered a tribute to James Colbert, the Scotsman who became a Chickasaw leader, at mile marker 755.0 at Chickasaw Bluff No. 3. James Logan Colbert is Logan Havern's 8xs great-grandfather and Chris Havern's

7xs great-grandfather.

Mud Island's River Walk is a five-block-long replica of the lower Mississippi river, from Cairo, Ill., to New Orleans, where each 30" stride is equivalent to one mile on the actual river. As guests wander along the River Walk they revisit historical events and learn about geographical transformations.

Letter to Editor: _____

UNITY at Buffalo, New York was an exciting trip for me. While I was at UNITY I met new people and got to hear what kinds of problems they had in their community. I also had the chance to see Niagara Falls and got to take pictures of it.

I think UNITY taught me more about what I need to do for my community and helped me better understand the problems we had. I'm glad I got to go to UNITY this year and I hope I get to go next year.

Codie Bolin
Pickens District Youth Council



2006 USSSA World Series Runner-up



Back row from left, Levi Prater, Tanner Wood, Brendan Anoatubby, Jayson Ellis, Bry Bratcher, Billy Wall. Front row from left, Kyler Reed, Cayman Watkins, Ethan Jackson, Dakota Jesse, Mac Davis and Cody Mills. The Barracudas are coached by Chris Watkins, Larry Jesse and J.D. Jackson

The Byng Barracudas seven-and-under team competed in the USSSA World Series held at AC Coplinger park in Edmond, Okla. Bry Bratcher, Ethan Jackson, Dakota Jesse, Cayman Watkins and Cody Mills were chosen to the "All Tournament Team." Jayson

Ellis was chosen as the Outstanding Defensive Player for the Barracudas during the 2006 USSSA World Series.

The team finished the season with a 24-14 record and runner up in the 7-AA Machine Pitch World Series.

Jiu-Jitsu competitor



Kevin Lewis, left, is pictured with Travis Lutter, a contestant for The Ultimate Fighter. Kevin recently placed first in the 181-195 weight class at the Texas Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu No Gi tournament conducted at Richland, Texas on Sept. 9.

Chickasaw graduates Grayson College



Steven Moody

Steven Douglas Moody, a one-quarter Chickasaw native of Trenton, Texas, is graduating with a 3.0 grade point average from Grayson County College.

Mr. Moody has received his structural and combination welding certifications.

He is proud of his Chickasaw heritage and a proud veteran of the U.S. Army.

He graduated from Community High School in Nevada, Texas. He is a certified by American Motorcycle Institute of Daytona, Florida as a motorcycle technician. He has his commercial license with hazmat, tanker, and double and triple endorsements, and is a certified security guard and has many other qualifications.

Mr. Moody and Sherry (Young) Moody married June 3, 1981. The couple just celebrated their 25th anniversary.

Mr. Moody is the only son of Bill Moody, who resides in Reagan, Okla. His mother Cora Evelyn (Cisco) Moody was one-half Chickasaw Native. His grandmother was Juanita Brown, full-blood Chickasaw. His sisters are Neva Gayle Breach, Billie Fay McGregor and Beverly Diane DeFir.

We are so proud of you and we love you Steve! Your wife and family.

Crawford, Dye exchange vows



Brandi Crawford Dye

Brandi Michele Crawford and Jeffrey Clinton Dye were married May 6, 2006.

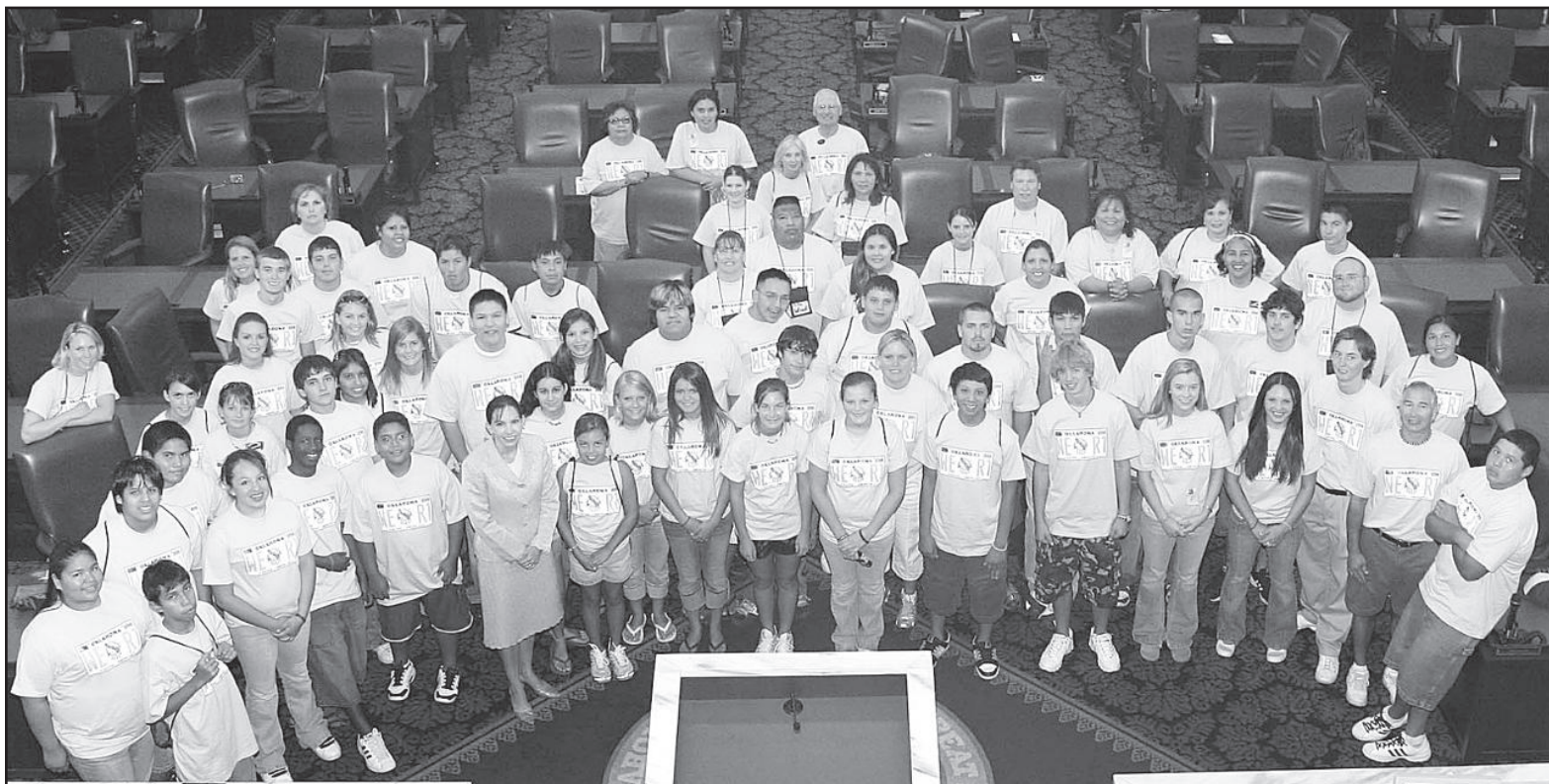
Brandi is the daughter of Wayne and Brenda Morgan and Mike and Chris Crawford of Alvin, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Kelly and Jerry Swindell of Alvin. Her grandfather is an elder Chickasaw who was born in Yuba, Okla. Her great grandmother is 75 % Chickasaw and was born in Albany, Ohio. Brandi's great-

great-grandmother was a full-blood Chickasaw and resided in the Chickasaw Nation.

Brandi graduated from Southwest Texas with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice. She has and still is receiving funds from the Chickasaw Education Foundation to further her education.

She is currently pursuing her master's degree in elementary education and will graduate in 2007.

Chickasaw Youth Leadership group visits Oklahoma capitol



Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth Leadership recently took a private tour of the Oklahoma State Capitol at the invitation of Rep. Lisa Johnson-Billy. Rep. Billy also provided a motivational speech to the youth. Robert Pickens, Chickasaw Nation educational specialist, organized the recent trip.

Team wins 3-on3 tournament



From left, Jordan Parnacher, Dakota Roebuck, Mark Ernst and Trev Jimboy.

"Red Hoops," a young men's basketball team consisting of four Chickasaw high school players, recently won the 3-on-3 Choctaw Nation Labor Day Festival tournament at Tuskahoma, placing first out of 10 teams.

The boys won two games before falling to Shulap Mali, then battled back two more games before defeating SMali 16-9 to capture the championship.

Red Hoops included Latta seniors Trev Jimboy, Dakota Roebuck and Mark Ernst and Byng senior Jordan Parnacher. The boys have played together

throughout their school years and last year won the same tournament.

Jimboy and Parnacher each contributed 25 points throughout the games they were both members of "The Oklahoma" that participated in the North American Indigenous Games in Denver, in July.

Jimboy was also named an All-Star player during the Third Annual All-Indian March Madness "4 Love of the Game" High School Tournament sponsored by Creek Nation in Henrietta, while Parnacher won the 3-point contest. Jimboy was one of the ten players from a field of 200 to represent Oklahoma in the 21st Annual Amerind All-West Native American Basketball Classic, played in Denver in April. He has been invited to play next year.

These four young men are outstanding athletes and will be playing on the hard courts for their respective teams this season.



Trev Jimboy



After School Arts Program expanded to Ardmore, Purcell

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities is expanding its after school arts program (A.S.A.P.) to now include students in the Ardmore and Purcell areas.

With the success of the current program in Ada, the division will broaden its reach to increase services to more youth.

The program is for students

in grades three through 12 and takes place each day after school is dismissed. The program is designed to teach art skills and objectives in a fun way with special focus on Chickasaw art and culture.

The artwork that the students create during their time at A.S.A.P. will be highlighted at special exhibits displayed dur-

ing National Youth Arts Month is March of 2007.

The new locations and dates of this year's A.S.A.P. are:

- In Ada at the Chickasaw Nation Family Life Center located at 226 Seabrook Road on October 13, 20, 27 and November 3.

- In Ardmore at the Chickasaw Nation Area Office

located at 39 N. Washington on January 5, 12, 19 and 26.

- In Purcell at the Chickasaw Nation Area Office located at 1603 South Green Street on February 2, 9, 16 and 23.

For more information about A.S.A.P., contact the division's arts in education manager Laura Morrison or art instructors Trina

Jones and Kelly Reed at (580) 332-1092. Enrollment packets are available at the arts in education office located at 815 N. Mississippi in Ada, or at the Ada, Ardmore and Purcell area offices.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

'The Walk Home' in the homelands



The Chickasaw Council of Elders recently visited the Chickasaw Homelands. While there, they attended the Oka Kapassa Festival at Tuscumbia, Alabama. Flora Perry led this festival event, called "The Walk Home." Several Chickasaw Dance Troupe members also attended. Council of Elders members O.C Beshires, Shirley Duncan and Flora Perry along with Dance Troupe members Josh Hinson, Joann Ellis and Lynie Richardson are shown here. (submitted photo)

Customer Service Survey on the web

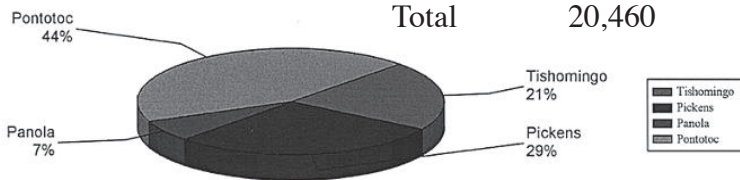
Chickasaw citizens who complete a new tribal customer service survey will have the opportunity to win \$100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey by going to the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

Once you have completed the survey, you can enter the \$100 giveaway. The \$100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times*.

Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,330	Panola	1,350
Pickens	5,848	Pontotoc	8,932
		Total	20,460



Stout Family Reunion

Descendants of Jeff and Tina Thomas Stout
All relatives and friends are invited to attend!

Begins at 10 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 23, 2006

Thanksgiving Day

Marie Bailey Community Center

1200 Jack John, Ada, OK

Bring a covered dish and bingo prizes.

Dinner served at noon.

Games, singing and visitation after dinner.

For more information call, (580) 436-1007 (day), (405) 382-5911 (evenings) or (405) 941-3787 (evenings).

Chickasaw Youth Hunt at Kullihoma

Oct. 21 - 23, 2006

Hunters must be Chickasaw

Must be under 18 years of age or younger
(must be accompanied by an adult 18 or over: adult cannot hunt)

Youth under 16 are exempt from having a hunting license but must have completed a hunter safety course.

Youth 16-17, must have annual hunting license and have completed a hunter safety course.

Hunters must wear head and outer garment (waist up) consisting of hunter orange. Equipment must be consistent with Deer Gun Season (rifle).

Hunters need to send name, address, phone number and copy of CDIB or tribal citizenship card to the Ranger Department/Facilities and Support, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74820.

For more information contact the Ranger Department at (580) 310-6466 or 421-5524.

Footprints Still Whispering in the Wind

The far off mountains hide you from me.
The teepees like triangular mounds,
Are gone from the naked eye.
Skyscrapers dot the horizon,
Where our homes used to be.
Footprints still whispering in the wind.

A traveler on the shores of eternity,
Walked in soft prints
Now walk in moccasins
that mark the earth with
deep prints. Oh! Mother
Earth where is your voice!
Footprints still whispering in the wind.

The mighty rumbling of feet shook the Earth,
From within the native hut
the sound stirred the dawn.
Buffalos roamed the Earth
undaunted by man's cages
Now sleep quietly in pens of steel.
Footprints still whisper in the wind.

The children of the past a the
break of day, saw rivers
of silver, lost in the morning mist.
Now see the dazzling glare of
iron and steel. Mighty as the
night where nothing stood, now
stands the haughty bridges.
Footprints still whisper in the wind.
Submitted by Margie Testerman

Cultural Resources hosts Elders Day in Tishomingo

On August 25, the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Resources Department hosted the Second Elders Day at the Tishomingo Community Center. The seniors were treated to a catered dinner and presentations by Heritage Preservation division staff.

Ann Fink, from the Archives and Records department, spoke with the elders about the history of the Chickasaw Nation's tribal government. Regina Berna, also from Archives and Records, took the seniors on a "virtual tour" of the Chickasaw National Capitol showing renovations and new exhibits.

After lunch the Chickasaw

Nation Dance Troupe presented a dance demonstration and invited the seniors to join in.

Throughout the event, many elders also had the opportunity to share stories and humor with the crowd.

For information on future Elders Day activities, contact the Cultural Resources department at (580) 332-8685.

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A few of the seniors joined an impromptu choir and shared some traditional Choctaw hymns with the crowd.



Tim Harjo, Cultural Resources department, receives a winning door prize ticket. Several prizes were given away throughout the event.



Breaks throughout the day gave the seniors a chance to chat with each other. Sue Simmons, an Ardmore site member, catches up with friends from another senior site.

Community Gardens staff big winners at county fair

Several members of the Chickasaw Nation Community Gardens staff entered a variety of fresh vegetables and canned items into the Pontotoc County (OK) Fair in September. Their hard work resulted in winning a total of 40 ribbons at the event.

The entries came from weeks of hard work planting and tending to the vegetable plants and learning the art of canning. The team finished with 19 blue ribbons, 14 red ribbons and seven white ribbons, 27 for their fresh vegetables and 13 for their can-

ning.

The Community Gardens' staff works throughout the year in gardens and greenhouses growing vegetables and plants that are sold to the public at farmer's markets and a stand located at the Community Gardens on Stonecipher Boulevard in Ada. They will also set up

booths to sell at special events like the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival.

Staff members also travel to a different Chickasaw Nation Senior Site everyday to distribute vegetables and plants to the elders.

This year the Community Gardens will also have several "cold

crops" that will be harvested through the winter.

To find out more about the Community Gardens or how to purchase any of their fresh or canned items, call (580) 272-5085.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

OKC Council to host Halloween Fright Night

OKLAHOMA CITY - The Nation's Youth and Family Division will be available at the next meeting of the OKCMCCC scheduled for Tuesday, October 3 at 7 p.m.

Chickasaw language classes begin Thursday, October 12 at 7 p.m. at the Council House. The Council furnishes language-learning materials.

The OKCMCCC annual Halloween Fright Night is scheduled for Saturday, October 28 beginning at 6 p.m. The Nation's Health Department will be giving flu shots to those with CDIB cards.

Chair Giles reports, "There will be fun and games for the young and the not-so young. We continue to make this a safe environment for the children. Hot dogs and fixins are provided, bring your best side dish or cake for the Cake Walk, and come and enjoy the fun. As always, costumes are encouraged, but optional."

All activities are at the OKCMCCC House located at 3301 East Reno in Oklahoma City. For more information call 405-204-0536 or visit the OKCMCCC website at www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org.



Community Gardens staff members who work on the fair entries include, front row from left, Beverly Bond, Jesse Walton, Heather Bulen, Letitia Kilcrease, Cara Fox, Cathie Bolin, Laticia Euper, David Correll, Jonathon Lamoni. Back row from left, Susie Hamilton, Jimmy Coody, Brian Taylor, Jason Wallace and Ervin Walton.

Chickasaw officer recognized for exceptional service

The words "Protect and Serve" are more than just a motto to Bureau of Indian Affairs officer and Chickasaw Joseph Keel. The words are the wellspring of his life and forever etched in his heart.

"I've always wanted to be a police officer," Officer Keel, of Ft. Washakie, Wyoming, said. "I love the interaction with the community."

Joseph Keel was selected the first BIA Officer of the Year for 2005. He was awarded the honor earlier this year.

On August 4, 2004 at 3:30 a.m., Keel's life would be forever changed. He would soon know what it was like to be responsible for saving another human life.

Officer Keel was the first responder on the scene of a house fire in Wyoming. After learning from neighbors that a woman was trapped inside, he entered the burning building despite not having fire protective gear. He entered the house through the burning kitchen, located the woman and tried to rouse her. He later retreated because of smoke inhalation and the heat singeing his hair.

Once outside, he asked the neighbors to douse him with water. Knowing that the gas was still on inside the house, he re-entered the burning home. He attempted to pick up the woman and carry her to safety. However, he couldn't because her burnt skin began to slide off her arms and legs. She was also trapped behind the door.

Exhibiting the courageous and selfless Chickasaw warrior spirit, he did not give up. With the assistance of a neighbor, he



From left, Christopher Chaney, Director of BIA Law Enforcement, Officer Joseph Keel and Chickasaw Nation Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel.

broke down the door and pulled the woman to safety.

Officer Keel entered the burning house three times without fire protective gear and under the constant threat of a gas explosion.

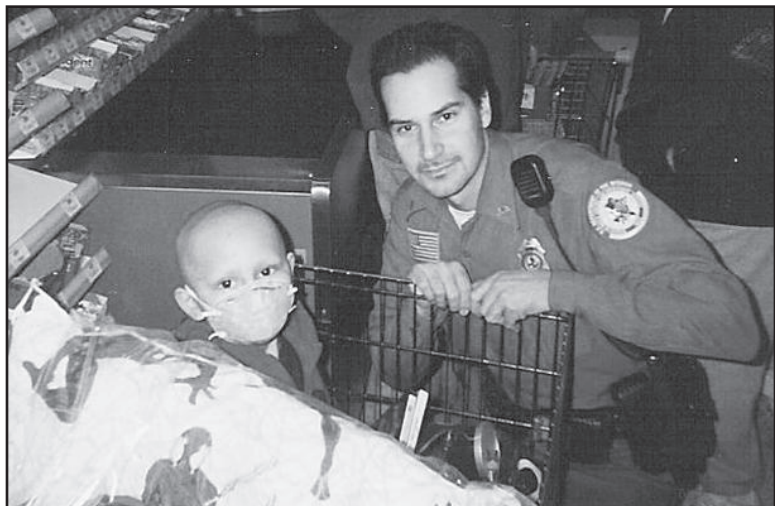
No, Officer Keel does not walk around with a cape, he's not faster than a speeding bullet and he doesn't wear a spandex uniform. But his colleagues nationwide agree that he is a superhero.

He was chosen out of nearly 500 applicants for the inaugural Officer of the Year award.

The humble 30-year-old father doesn't consider himself a superhero. He just simply said helping others was the way he was brought up.

"I was raised to have a high respect for life and other people," he said. "It was not as tough for me as it was for Kristin (the fire victim)."

Kristin spent three months in the intensive care unit before skin grafts could be attempted.



Keel escorted five-year-old Dillion White Plume as he spent his \$100 gift certificate in Wal-Mart.

are younger, as opposed to the negative images they see when they're older," Officer Keel said.

Last December, Officer Keel participated in the "Shop with a Cop" program in which officers shopped with terminally ill children during the Christmas season. Keel escorted five-year-old Dillion White Plume as he spent his \$100 gift certificate in Wal-Mart. Officer Keel had an embroidered BIA Junior Police Officer hat made with Dillion's name embroidered on the back. Dillion died six weeks later.

Franklin Keel, Officer Keel's father, said every since his son was a little boy, he has had an

innate understanding of human nature.

This almost supernatural like ability to connect with people of all kinds is probably what is responsible for Officer Keel's previous successes as a former salesman. But it is another quality, perhaps his greatest attribute, that makes him stand out as a police officer, Franklin Keel said.

"He also has great compassion and caring for those who, for whatever reason, are unable to defend themselves," Franklin Keel said.

Joseph Keel embodies the words "protect and serve."

Contributed by Kandis Murdock, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw counselor joins staff of Yellowhawk health center in Oregon

A Chickasaw counselor has recently joined the alcohol and drug prevention program of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Pendleton, Oregon.

Bobby Benton is a certified alcohol and drug counselor. He has joined the behavioral health staff at the Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center.

Mr. Benton grew up in Tishomingo, Okla. He later

moved to the Oklahoma City area and earned an Associate of Applied Sciences and Substance Abuse Counseling degree from Oklahoma State University at Oklahoma City.

He is the son of the late Sammy Lee Benton/Brown, and Georgia Lee Maytubby. His maternal grandmother is the late Mae Belle Wisdom, and his great-grandmother is the late Angeline Cravatt.

Players compete in tennis tourney

Several summer tennis camp participants recently competed in the Chickasaw Youth Tennis Invitational in Ada. The tournament was for beginning players between the ages of 12 and 16.



Taking first place in both the boys and the girls categories were the brother-sister duo of Riley, above left, and Ryan Walker, above right, of Ada. Also placing were Allison Keel, Savannah Burwell, Dancing Star Frazier, Natalie Keel and Michael Parker.

Players competed throughout the day and received give-aways and qualifying medals. Members of the Ada High School tennis team helped score the matches. Chickasaw Nation

staff Rick and Jalinda Kelley and Pam Kanuch coordinated the event.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.



Gov. Anoatubby, Honor Guard lead 'Freedom Walk'



Governor Anoatubby spoke about the military service of American Indians at the Sept. 11 Freedom Walk in Oklahoma City.

OKLAHOMA CITY - More than 20 Chickasaws, including nine members of the Chickasaw Honor Guard, took part in the Sept. 21 Freedom Walk in Oklahoma City.

The Chickasaw Honor Guard helped lead more than 3,000 walkers who gathered to remember the victims of 9/11, honor our veterans and support men and women in the U.S.

military.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby was among the featured speakers at the event which began at the Oklahoma City National Memorial and concluded at the Bricktown Ballpark.

"Tonight is an evening of significance," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Tonight we take a moment to remember the blessing which is most often taken for granted. That is our freedom."

Gov. Anoatubby also spoke about the contributions American Indians have made by their military service throughout U.S. history.

"Native Americans have played a very important part in maintaining this country's freedom," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Only a little over a week ago on September 4, a 23-year-old Chickasaw Marine, Lance Corporal Cody Hill, who was stationed in Iraq, was injured when his Humvee struck a roadside bomb."

While such sacrifices are

featured in media reports, Gov. Anoatubby noted there was more to the current battle than many see.

"Our countrymen are sharing the ideals of American culture and freedom and liberty and opportunity," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Even the units who recently lost young soldiers to roadside bombs maintain that American spirit. These units have sent leaders home asking for donations of school supplies to give to the young children of Iraq."

"We should be proud of our soldiers, proud of their compassion, proud to call ourselves Americans," he added to rousing applause.

Other speakers, including former Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating, current Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry and Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett, spoke of the special connection between Oklahoma City and New York.

Many fire fighters and rescue workers from New York came to Oklahoma City after the Murrah

Building Bombing in 1995.

Similarly, many fire fighters and rescue workers traveled to New York City after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"The events of September 11 forever changed our nation," said Gov. Henry. "But as we know all too well, it was not the first instance of Americans responding to the evils of terrorism. In fact, on this very spot on April 19, 1995, Oklahoma, and the nation, learned a very grim lesson that terrorism can strike anywhere and at any time."

"But the tragedy of the Oklahoma City bombing really illustrated the goodness, the kindness and the compassion with which Oklahomans and indeed, Americans respond to acts of dastardly evil."

"Because of the linkage between September 11 and April 19 it is very fitting that we gather here today in unity in solidarity for today's Freedom Walk."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw Marine seriously injured in Iraq explosion



Lance Cpl. Cody W. Hill

A Chickasaw Marine was critically injured in early September while on duty in Iraq.

Lance Cpl. Cody W. Hill, 23, of Ada, Okla., was injured September 2 when the vehicle in which he was riding was hit by a roadside explosive device. All other members of the patrol were killed in the explosion.

The attack took place in Al

Anbar province, a historically dangerous area for American military personnel.

Lance Cpl. Hill was airlifted to Germany and soon transferred to Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. He suffered extensive burns in the explosion and faces many months of treatment on the way to recovery.

Lance Cpl. Hill is a 2001 graduate of Ada High School. He was an active athlete in high school, where he played football and soccer. He is also an accomplished roper and attended Eastern Oklahoma State College on a roping scholarship prior to joining the U.S. Marine Corps.

Lance Cpl. Hill is a patriotic young man and believed it was his duty and honor to serve the country in the Marine Corps.

He is the son of Carlyle Hill, of Ada, and Linda Branscum, of Ada.



The Chickasaw Honor Guard helped lead more than 3,000 participants in the Sept. 11 Freedom Walk in Oklahoma City. Pictured are, from left, Mike Reed, Will Johnson, Jimmy James, Max Barnoski, Roy Worcester, Bernie Seeley and Solomon Gantt.

Ground broken on education, government services facilities



DOUGLAS H. JOHNSTON BUILDING
ADA, OKLAHOMA



Rendering of Douglas H. Johnston Building.

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby was joined by tribal legislators, citizens and employees in breaking ground on two new buildings Sept. 12.

Construction will begin soon on a new Chickasaw Nation Division of Education facility and a new building to house a number of tribal government services.

"Breaking ground on two facilities in one day is a positive sign of the tremendous growth we are experiencing," said Gov. Anoatubby. "We have about 10 building projects under way and several more in the pipeline."

"Because of the rapid growth in our business revenue, we expect to invest about \$50 million in tribal development in the coming year."

Ground breaking ceremonies were conducted 9 a.m. at 300 Rosedale for the Douglas H. Johnston Building.

Johnston was elected Governor of the Chickasaw Nation three times and appointed governor of the tribe after Oklahoma statehood.

The new 31,000-square-foot facility will serve as the new home for the Division of Education, which includes the Education Services, Head Start, Vocational Rehabilitation and Child Care departments.

Other amenities planned for the facility include a computer lab, four conference rooms and a library.

"This building pays tribute in a small way to Governor Douglas Johnston who was dedicated to maintaining tribal control of education after Oklahoma statehood," said Gov. Anoatubby.

Ground was broken at 11 a.m.

at 2015 Lonnie Abbott for the new tribal government services building.

This new 14,000-square-foot facility will include offices for the tribal election board, self-governance, tribal membership and citizenship as well as the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of Special Trustee.

Gov. Anoatubby noted that combining the tribal government

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Ogee said.

Linda Jackson, Mrs. Ogee's niece, said she really liked people.

"She was a real people person," Ms. Jackson said. "She was good with kids. She taught special ed for years. It takes a real special person to do that."

Don Jackson, Mrs. Ogee's nephew, said he had nothing but good memories of the aunt he referred to as "Neen."

"She was a great lady," he said. "We worked cattle. We went to rodeos. She taught me how to drive. She taught me how to skin a rabbit."

"You always knew where you stood with her," he said. "There was nothing pretend."

"She was pretty straightforward, pretty much an open book. When you met her, that was 'Neen.'"

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said everyone who knew Mrs. Ogee was sad to hear of her passing.

"Mrs. Ogee had a long history of service as a tribal legislator who worked very hard for her people. She will be sorely missed," he said.

Tribal legislator Linda Briggs said Mrs. Ogee was a professional legislator.

services and the federal agencies will not only be convenient for clients, but for tribal employees and federal workers as well.

"We have a great ongoing relationship with the BIA and other federal agencies," said Gov. Anoatubby. "People in self-governance and other tribal government services offices work with the federal agencies often and it only makes sense for them to be in close proximity." *Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

"She attended every meeting her position demanded," said Mrs. Briggs. "Sometimes she didn't feel well, but she was so loyal and dedicated to the people she represented that she still attended every meeting. She had a good attitude even through a trying time dealing with her health."

"We'll miss her a great deal," she said.

Robert Cheadle, attorney for the tribal legislative office, said Mrs. Ogee was well-liked by area seniors.

"She spent a lot of time with seniors and I know they appreciated that."

In addition to her service as a legislator, Mrs. Ogee also served on the Ada Chickasaw Community Council.

Mrs. Ogee was also a strong supporter of the Chickasaw Honor Guard.

"She did everything possible to help us," said Lura Mullican, secretary-treasurer for the honor guard. "She went to all the meetings."

"She was a wonderful person and we're all going to miss her."

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Rendering of Chickasaw Nation Government Services Building.



The Chickasaw Nation broke ground on two new buildings Sept. 12 in Ada. Above, tribal officials break ground on the tribal government services building, located on Lonnie Abbott Blvd.

Chickasaw Cougar



Curtis Love, and Ada (OK) High School junior, makes a catch for the Cougars.

Curtis Love, a junior at Ada High School, Ada, Okla., is excited about the Cougar football season. Curtis is dedicated to his athletics. He works hard both on and off the field for perfection.

Curtis is the oldest of five children, so his school work

and athletics are only part of his dedication efforts.

We are very proud of him! We love you Curty!

From your proud momma (Tawannah), brothers, Bo (Terrance) and Ryce and sisters CuTerra and Rysha.

Ardmore Senior Site offers nice variety of activities



Senior Lula Smith relaxes in the lounge area reading a magazine. The Ardmore site members also use the area to sit and visit with each other.

ARDMORE, Okla. - Just off I-35, appropriately planted next to Chickasaw Boulevard, sits the Chickasaw Nation's Ardmore Senior Site. And just like the traffic that goes buzzing by on the busy interstate, the Ardmore seniors know how to keep things moving.

Whether it's road trips, events, fund raisers or concerts, this group of silver foxes keep the calendar full. One would be hard pressed to find a day with nothing to do.

Many of the seniors spend hours each week working on crafts, artwork, jewelry and more. Not only do the seniors enjoy working on these items together, they also use the pieces to sell at events and festivals to raise money for the site's outings.

Site member Sue Simmons recently shared her bead working skills with several of the other ladies. Now they get together to work on projects and compare items they have finished on their own.

Jessie Kale's artwork can be seen all over the site. She enjoys

the year.

Many of the other seniors enjoy playing cards and dominoes together every day. They gather before and after lunch to take each other on in a quick game.

Usually it doesn't matter who wins or loses. What's remembered are the funny stories shared around the table.

Then there's the lounge area where site members can sit around and chat or catch up on their reading. The computer lab offers a place where many of the seniors play games or send emails to family and friends.

Several are taking part in language classes each week. Some of the seniors, who haven't spoke Chickasaw since early childhood, are excited about learning the language again.

There are trips planned to Missouri, New Mexico and Texas. Indian taco sales are planned to raise funds for the trips.

They just returned from in-state trips to Tishomingo and Tulsa, and already have others in the works.

And, if that is not enough, a couple of the men bring their guitars, banjo and fiddle to the site to provide background music for it all. They even take their show on the road and visit several of the nursing homes in the area.

So staying active in Ardmore is not a problem. The hardest part is keeping up.

"It's boring at home," said site member Hawaii Davidson. "I look forward to coming here

to share and commune. It gives us an incentive to get out and move."

Yes, that's one thing these

Ardmore seniors know how to do - keep things moving.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.



Bob Jacks, Roy Perry, Ben Willis and Pauline Watson enjoy a game of dominoes after lunch.



Jessie Kale applies a base coat to a ceramic frog she is painting for another site member. She and others use their talents to create crafts that are sold to help fund the site's outings.



Carl Brown and Doug Kale play a few tunes for the seniors to enjoy after lunch. The duo also take their instruments and share their talents at several area nursing homes.



Sue Simmons displays beaded earrings to Shirley Perry and Nadine Lewis. Many of the seniors have created several bead work pieces to be sold to raise funds for the Ardmore site.

Tribal department hosts Indian Child Welfare conference

The tribal Department of Family Advocacy hosted the Indian Child Welfare conference August 24-25.

The conference focused on the past, present and hopeful future conditions of Indian Child Welfare Act passed by the U.S. Congress in 1978.

Legal analysts, attorneys, judges and child welfare specialists enlightened attendees on the historical perspective of the

Act, its effectiveness and how to better serve Indian families in several advocacy forums. Speakers included internationally known expert C. Steven Hager, Muscogee Creek Judge Patrick Moore and Oklahoma DHS attorney Bonnie Clift.

Hager said the historic removal of Indian children from their families was an attempt to eliminate tribal influence and culture and integrate the children into

the dominant culture.

Early 1970s studies proved the attempt at assimilation backfired, Hager said, and as a result, suicide and unemployment rates were up for American Indians. A 1974 study by the Association of American Indian Affairs showed that one in four Indian children were in foster, adoptive or institutionalized care. Hager said studies like these initiated the Act to protect Indian chil-

dren from unwarranted outside influence.

Twenty-eight years after the law was enacted, its effectiveness is still questionable at best and not promising at worst.

According to the 2000 census, more than 25 percent of Indians, nationally, live below the poverty line and the national Indian population has lower education levels, employment and opportunities than others.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office states that although 25 percent of children

in foster care were Indian, more than half were reunited with their parents.

Creek Judge Moore said the future of Indian children and families lies within the tribes, not the U.S. Government. He maintains that protecting tribal sovereignty and establishing and strengthening the foundation of tribal governments will solidify culture and family for all Indian tribes in the future.

Contributed by Kandis Murdock, tribal media relations.

Prevention key at Diabetes Center

The Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center is continuing its commitment to the prevention of diabetes.

The center hosted the first Power of Prevention fair at Carl Albert Indian Hospital on September 12.

The event focused on raising diabetes awareness and completing diabetic screenings. Recruiting Native Americans for the Special Diabetes Prevention Program (SDPP) to prevent pre-diabetic patients from developing the disease was also a focus of the event.

SDPP is a free 16-week program in which pre-diabetics attend classes on how to eat healthier, increase physical activity and lose weight.

"The event was definitely a success," said SDPP recruiter Wade Boyles. "We were able to

screen 111 people for diabetes or pre-diabetes."

More than 250 people participated in the event that included popcorn, refreshments and door prizes including Wal-Mart gift cards, t-shirts and sweatshirts. The prevention promotion also featured a low-fat cooking demonstration from nutrition services, information available for the Moccasin Trails wellness program and a display from the Carl Albert behavioral health department.

SDPP workers said they believed the team effort by all the departments and the fun environment made it easier to spread awareness about the deadly disease and promote the program.

"We want to prevent diabetes instead of treating the complications of diabetes," said Bobby

Saunkeah, RN, program director of the Diabetes Care Center.

SDPP also hosted a promotion fair at the Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Nutrition Center on Sept. 19.

Previous SDPP class participant Betty Baptiste said she lost almost 20 pounds in four months and developed healthy habits while enrolled in the program.

To be eligible for the program, candidates must be pre-diabetic, a patient of the Chickasaw Nation Health System and willing to make a 16-week commitment to the program. Diabetics are welcome to participate. Enrollment is still available.

For more information, contact a member of the Physical Activity Lifestyle Specialist (PALS) Team at 580-436-3980.

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WIC revisions designed for long-term wellness

A proposal to revise the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) food packages was released in August.

For the first time, participants may be able to purchase fresh, frozen and canned fruits and vegetables along with whole grain products using WIC vouchers.

"These enhancements will assist families in including very healthy choices for promoting long-term wellness," said Melinda Newport, Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services Director.

The changes will be the most significant and substantial adjustments since the programs inception in 1974.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Food Nutrition Services, the goal is to make food allotments more consistent with the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and

current infant feeding guidelines of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Variety and choices are also new concepts to the more than 30-year-old program aimed at assisting women, infants and children found to be at nutritional risk. Options include calcium-set tofu and soy milk as opposed to the standard Vitamin D milk. Whole grain options such as corn tortillas and brown rice may reduce obesity and promote cultural diversity, Newport said. More additions include baby food, canned legumes and canned fish such as salmon and sardines.

Other changes include reductions in formula, eggs, milk and the elimination of juice for infants and whole milk (not reduced fat milk) for all participants over two years of age.

The USDA will be accepting comments on the new proposals until November 2. Email comments to WICHQ-SFPD@fns.usda.gov and include "Docket ID Number 0584-AD77, WIC Food Package Rule" in the subject line or mail comments to Patricia N. Daniels, Director, Supplemental Food Programs Division, Food & Nutrition Services, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 528, Alexandria, VA 22302.

The Chickasaw Nation WIC Program serves pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants and children up to age five found to be at nutritional risk. Chickasaw Nation WIC clinics are located in Ada, Ardmore, Purcell, Duncan, Tishomingo, Pauls Valley and Sulphur. For more information, please call toll free 888-436-7255.

Tribal CHRs recognized



Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representatives received national awards of service at the National CHR Triennial Confernece in Las Vegas, in August. Top photo, CHRs Betty Baptiste, left, and Linda S. Underwood received 10-year service awards. Bottom photo from left, Meredith Benson, Mae Frazier and Pam Aguilar, along with Tammy Blevins-Purser (not pictured), received awards for five years of service.

Chickasaw Historical Society annual meeting Oct. 10

The Chickasaw Historical Society will conduct its annual meeting 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10 in the large conference room of the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters, 520 East Arlington, Ada.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

Agenda items include election of officers and discussion of activities to raise funds to place a statue of Tishomingo in the town named for the eighteenth century Chickasaw leader.

Society members are dedicated to researching and documenting historical information, profiling achievements of Chickasaw citizens, promoting tribal arts and preserving the Chickasaw language.

Each year the CHS publishes

four *Journals of Chickasaw History and Culture* and a calendar featuring the work of Chickasaw artists.

The society also dedicates a number of monuments and historical markers as well as presenting awards to authors of journal articles.

A CHS awards ceremony and reception will begin 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5 in the Fletcher Auditorium on the Murray State College Campus in Tishomingo.

Artists featured in the 2007 CHS Calendar will be available to sign calendars during the reception.

Information on CHS membership and CHS store items will be available in a booth located near the food tent during

the Oct. 7 Annual meeting in Tishomingo.

CHS members receive four quarterly *Journals of Chickasaw History and Culture* and are also entitled to purchase previous

journals at a reduced price.

Members may also purchase items from the CHS store, which are designed to enhance knowledge of Chickasaw history or show support for the Chickasaw

people and the CHS.

To receive a membership application call Verna Smith (580) 436-2603 ext. 7335 or visit the Chickasaw Nation Library, 520 East Arlington.

Chickasaw words and phrases

Pleased (be) im-achokma
In back of ashaka
In front of itikba
Look at pisa
Look for hoyo

Who are we looking for?
Kata i-hoyo?
What are you looking for?
Nanta ish-hoyo?
I don't see you.
Chi-pisa-li kiyo.
Ak-chi-piso

So you see me?
Is-sa-pisa?

He (she/they) helped us.
Po-apila-tok
I am tall.
Sa-chaha.
I am skinny.
Sa chonna.
We are hungry.
Po-hopoba.
My friend gave me a ball.
Akana-ut towa ama-tok.

I brought you flowers.
Nampakali ish-chi-ma-la-li tok.

I'm talking to him/her.
Im-anompoli-li.
Does your head hurt?
Chi ish-kobo-ut chi hottopa?
I will sell fish.
Nani kanchi la-chi

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS MONTHLY MEETINGS

~~~ Meetings are subject to change, please call the contact person to confirm ~~~

### Ada Chickasaw Community Council

Ada, OK  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 pm  
Marie Bailey Community Center  
Lura Mullican  
580-272-5085  
[l.mullican@chickasaw.net](mailto:l.mullican@chickasaw.net)

### Connerville Area Chickasaw Community Council

Connerville, OK  
Tue. before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri. of the month at 6:30 pm  
Connerville Chickasaw Senior Citizen Site  
Emma Mcleod  
580-371-2361

### Duncan Chickasaw Community Council

Duncan, OK  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 6:30 pm  
2414 Harris Drive  
Sherri Rose, Chair  
580-255-0152  
[Wildrose6739@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Wildrose6739@sbcglobal.net)

### Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council

Tishomingo, OK  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 6:30 pm  
Call for location  
Ann Fink, Chair  
580-371-3351  
[Flora.fink@chickasaw.net](mailto:Flora.fink@chickasaw.net)

### Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council

Enos, OK – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm  
Enos Fire Department  
Sara Lea, Chair  
580-564-4570  
[Lsar747@duracom.net](mailto:Lsar747@duracom.net)

### Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council

Tuttle – Blanchard – Newcastle - Minco Area, OK  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7:30 pm  
Tuttle Senior Citizens Building  
Jeanette Haywood, Chair  
405-381-4101  
[tomghaywood@yahoo.com](mailto:tomghaywood@yahoo.com)

### OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council

Oklahoma City, OK  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm  
Chickasaw Council House  
3301 E. Reno  
Oklahoma City, OK

### Purcell Chickasaw Community Council

Purcell, OK  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:00 pm  
Regional Office – 1601 S. Green Ave.  
Keith Shackelford, Chair  
405-527-5745  
[lowakchuffa@yahoo.com](mailto:lowakchuffa@yahoo.com)

### COLORADO ~~~

#### Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado

Denver, CO  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 11:30 am  
Call for location  
Carol Berry  
303-235-0282  
[Chickasaw303@yahoo.com](mailto:Chickasaw303@yahoo.com)

### CALIFORNIA ~~~

#### Chickasaw West Community Council

Temecula, CA  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday every other month for lunch  
Country Garden Café  
Sharon Tandy, Chair  
818-985-8392

### Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council

Banning, CA  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 pm  
Call for location  
Lynn M. Dorrough, Chair  
909-213-7273  
[liknryn@hotmail.com](mailto:liknryn@hotmail.com)

### KANSAS ~~~

#### Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita, KS

Wichita, KS  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 3:00 pm.  
Call for Location  
Lynn Stumblingbear, Chair  
316-945-9219  
[lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com)  
Pam Harjo, Vice-Chair  
316-393-0696

### TEXAS ~~~

#### Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas

San Antonio, TX Area  
Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm – Picnic in the Park  
Landa Park, 110 Golf Course Road, New Braunfels, TX  
Michele Moody, Chair  
210-492-2288  
[mmoody@docuguides.com](mailto:mmoody@docuguides.com)

#### North Texas Chickasaw Community Council

Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday every other month  
October 21st at 3:00 pm  
Call for location  
John C. Atkins, Chair  
972-271-0692  
Linda Hewitt, Secretary  
214-543-1080  
[Lhewitt9@netzero.com](mailto:Lhewitt9@netzero.com)



## Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest August 2006 winners

The Homeowners Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest is sponsored by the Division of Housing and is open to all families who are current participants in the Homeowners program by calling (580) 421-8855. The contest runs from May through August.

Two homes from each legislative district were chosen to receive the Legislative Award. The Legislative Award entitles the homeowner to a certificate and a free month's rent.

The Lt. Governor's Award is then selected from the Legislative Award winners. The Lt. Governor's Award is a \$50 Wal Mart gift card. The Lt. Governor's Award winner for August 2006 is Sabrina Vaughn.

The four Lt. Governor's winners will be eligible for the Governor's award of a \$250 Wal Mart gift card.



**Sabrina Vaughn - Pontotoc District**



**Patricia Harris - Pickens District**



**Jonetta Whitworth - Pontotoc District**



**Roxanna Newsom - Pickens District**

## EQIP offers conservation incentives

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) provides a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality. EQIP offers financial and technical help to assist participants implement structural and management practices on agricultural land. EQIP is de-

livered and administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

EQIP offers contracts with a minimum term that ends one year after the implementation of the last scheduled practices and a maximum term of 10 years. These contracts provide incentive payments and cost-shares to implement conserva-

tion practices. Persons who are engaged in livestock or agricultural production on eligible land may participate in the EQIP program.

To be considered for evaluation in 2007, EQIP applications must be received by November 1, 2006 for most counties in Oklahoma. Applications may be received at any County Farm Service Center or by contacting Clay Horton, Tribal Resource Conservationist, for additional information.

A local emphasis area (LEA) was designated in 2005 that targeted tribal and restricted lands within the Chickasaw Nation. LEA applicants in Oklahoma for 2007 will be required to meet "Next Level Conservation" requirements. All EQIP applications will be required to meet this increased level of management during the 2008 program year.

For operations that are not on restricted lands, the program is available through the local

NRCS office and will address resource concerns identified for the local area. You may contact Clay Horton, Tribal Resource Conservationist at (580) 332-8167 or your local office. You may also find information on the internet at [ok.nrcs.usda.gov](http://ok.nrcs.usda.gov)



**Craig Billings - Panola/Tishomingo District**



**Debbie King - Panola/Tishomingo District**

## Dr. Garber honored



From left, Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby, Dr. John Garber and Chickasaw Nation Health System Administrator Bill Lance gather around Dr. Garber's retirement cake. Optometrist John Garber retired from the Indian Health Service last month. He has been employed at the Carl Albert Indian Hospital since its opening in 1980. Dr. Garber will continue to work at the hospital as a tribal employee.



# Tribe offers essential support, assistance to family violence victims

*Editor's Note: The following story contains some strong material regarding domestic violence and its effects on women and children. The tribal Office of Violence Prevention works with many families annually who endure these hurtful and sometimes tragic experiences. October marks Domestic Violence Awareness Month.*

"Jane," a resident in the Chickasaw Nation service area, (her name has been changed for privacy) watched with her kids as her husband began killing himself, while she screamed "Open the door, go outside, not in front of the kids!"

She didn't know that he was just pretending. Her three children, ranging in age from two to eight, were traumatized as they thought they were going to witness death. At that moment, she sent up a prayer for help, wondering why she remained in this relationship. It was a question she could not answer.

"We would live in hell for months at a time," Jane said. "He was violent. He destroyed everything. I have nothing worth anything anymore."

Although her husband never physically hit her, it took her awhile to realize she was being verbally, emotionally and psychologically abused.

The abuse left residing effects on her children.

"My son walked around calling me and my daughter a b---," Jane said. "It was months before he knew it was even a bad word."

She didn't know how much more she could take.

After coming home from work one day, she decided to go to bed around 7 p.m. She was exhausted and hadn't adjusted to her new shift.

"I was just about sleep when my eight-year-old daughter came in and the words began to flow out of my mouth," Jane said.

Jane said she felt as if God had put the words in her mouth. She had not planned to discuss this with her daughter. She was giving her "the talk." She asked if anyone had touched her private parts.

"Mommy, you can't get mad at daddy if I tell you this," Jane recounted her daughter's

words.

He would tell their daughter he loved her, would never do anything to hurt her and would never do it again.

Her husband had molested their daughter. Although not her biological father, he was the only father she had ever known.

Emotionally battered and bruised, Jane and her three children went to a crisis center. The crisis center referred her to the Chickasaw Nation Office of Violence Prevention.

A violence prevention victim advocate then provided her family with anything they needed, she said.

"I'd never had anyone help me with my kids," Jane said.

The program supplied the kids with new clothes for school and would later provide Jane with new clothes for job interviews.

Because of the Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization grant the program received last September, the office was able to expand its services this year.

The grant, administered by the U.S. Department of Justice on Violence Against Women office, is intended to help rural areas

with additional challenges such as geographic isolation and the lack of resources in rural communities.

The new grant allows the violence prevention office to keep a full-time counselor and career developer on staff. Jane was able to benefit from both.

"I didn't want her to associate school with problems at home," Jane said, commenting on why she did not want her daughter to receive counseling from a school counselor.

The eight-year-old was able to receive counseling from the violence prevention office.

Career developer Tisha Williams said career counseling helps the families support themselves.

"Many times victims stay in situations due to economic abuse," Williams said. "This service helps the victim attain employment or go back to school to attain financial independence."

A career developer also assisted Jane in pursuing a career in health care.

A false perception, Jane said, is that women who are abused are weak.

"You think you will use your

strength to help these people and you completely forget about yourself and how important you are. You forget to do little things like comb your hair," she said.

She said she considers herself a strong woman. She said she just fell in love with a man who had problems and she believed that as a wife and mother, it

was her duty to keep her family together and make her marriage work.

Through her own courage and the help of the violence prevention office, Jane said her family is recovering and is now on the right track.

*Contributed by Kandis Murdock, tribal media relations.*

## Statistics show family violence trending up

The number of domestic violence reports has risen by 31 percent from 1994 to 2003, according to the latest evaluation of trends from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations Uniform Crime Reports. Crime analysts suspect only 50 percent of intimate violence incidents are reported.

Studies also show that domestic violence is occurring in relationships at a younger age in Oklahoma. Ninth grade students in Oklahoma are three times more likely to have endured physical abuse than the national average (8%), according to a study by the Prevention Division of the Oklahoma Department of

Mental Health.

In Pontotoc County, Oklahoma domestic violence and sexual assault make up 35 percent of all cases at agencies funded by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

The Chickasaw Nation Office of Violence Prevention serves 350 families annually and continues to provide public awareness through presentations to various organizations. Area offices are located in Ada, Ardmore and Duncan. OVP provides victim advocacy, counseling, career development and support services. For more information call 580-272-5580.

## Young Chickasaw runners enjoying success on the track



**Jordan Colbert**

Two young Chickasaw girls are enjoying running careers.

Eight-year-old Sarah Colbert and five-year-old Jordan Colbert, of McKinney, Texas, are competing in a number of road races.



**Sarah Colbert**

Sarah has won several medals in the 12-and-under division, and she recently set a record in the 1,100-meter run in the eight-and-under division in Plano, where she ran the distance in four minutes, 26 seconds.

Jordan recently placed third in the 10-and-under division mile run at White Rock Lake in Dallas. This race marked Jordan's

first one-mile run.

Both girls are very proud of their Chickasaw heritage and are

aware they are part of a long history of Chickasaw long distance runners.

## Indian guitarist to perform at ECU Summers Auditorium October 28

Native American guitarist Brad Richter will perform in concert Saturday, October 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dorothy Summers Auditorium on the campus of East Central University.

General admission is five dollars at the door. Advance tickets are available in Ada at Gem Jewelers, Steppin' Out Western Store, and Postal Plus. The con-

cert is brought to the area by the Ada Arts Council.

Brad Richter is a classical guitarist and world-class musician. He has a charismatic stage presence which has made him a favorite with audiences worldwide.

For more information, call (580) 235-0193 or email fanfac@yahoo.com

## HORSESHOEING

**Shawn Williams**

(580) 622-2876

(580) 320-3125

(580) 622-3316

**Ada, Ardmore, Sulphur Area**

*Chickasaw Citizen*



## 'SMART' boards bring high tech to Head Start classes

ADA, Okla. - SMART board computer technology has been installed in all 13 Chickasaw Nation Head Start classrooms in Ada, Ardmore, Duncan, Madill, Sulphur and Tishomingo.

A SMART board serves as a giant computer touch screen. It can be used to display interactive web sites, educational software and games complete with live animation.

Students can control the computer applications directly from the white board, using a device similar to a marker to identify letters, numbers, colors and shapes. They can also spell words, work math problems and do more advanced hands-on learning activities.

"We have integrated the SMART boards into our Head Start classrooms because computer literacy is becoming increasingly important in education, in the workplace and in everyday life," said Governor Bill Anoatubby. "This is a way for students to have fun while they are learning and becoming familiar with a tool they will use the rest of their lives."

SMART boards have also been installed in the tribe's child care centers, enabling toddlers

as well as Head Start students to interact with the computer-driven white boards typically reserved for higher education.

"This kind of hands-on technology enables children to learn by doing," said Lisa John, Administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Education Division. "As they become more actively involved in the learning experience at such a young age, they grow into more enthusiastic students and naturally learn more."

Teachers said the advantages the board offers are amazing.

"Our kids are learning how to safely navigate the internet and build web pages all before they are five," said Deborah Cole, a Chickasaw Nation Head Start classroom teacher in Ada.

Head Start teacher Tashina Rollins said not only was it fun for the kids, but it made teaching more efficient and effective.

Rollins said she was able to cover more subjects in the 20-minute group activity "carpet time" because she didn't have to dedicate time to getting out materials for various bulletin boards.

Things like the weather, colors, numbers and shapes are con-

solidated into a single animated power point presentation.

The technology, she said, enhanced the learning experience in every subject from language to math.

Teachers are able to download or create templates for lesson plans they can save and share with other teachers to display on the white board.

"We are already making plans to develop our own curriculum using the Smart Boards because of the accessibility of so many free web-based educational sites and other software" said Danny Wells, Chickasaw Nation Head Start Director. "Once our students see these web-based sites we believe they will also use these sites to continue the learning process at home."

The first interactive whiteboard was built in 1991. Last year, more than 15,000 U.S. classrooms nationwide contained the interactive whiteboards, mostly in the nation's top 25 largest school districts. The boards are also gaining international attention with more than 75 countries using the interactive boards.

SMART Technologies, maker of the SMART boards, has



**Raigan Leflore moves the letter "b" onto a flower on the screen of the SMART Board at the Ada Head Start classroom as part of an interactive exercise helping students learn the alphabet.**

been recognized as a leader in education innovation. The company has received the Comenius EduMedia Signet Award for its collaborative learning software; the Alberta Centennial Medal for High-Tech Innovation in

Alberta for outstanding achievement; and the Digital Retailer of the Year by Digital Retailing Expo.

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## Oklahoma Stamp, continued from page 1

that there are going to be millions of little-bitty Mike Larsen paintings, and over the image that I painted are the words 'Oklahoma, Oh what a beautiful morning,' I couldn't be more proud," said Mr. Larsen, with obvious emotion.

Mr. Larsen said the image was inspired by the view from the porch of his home where he and his wife, Martha, drink coffee and watch the sunrise.

"It wasn't until we moved to the country that we fully realized the beauty that is the state of Oklahoma," he said.

That beauty inspired Mr. Larsen, who is best known for portraits, to paint a sunrise which his wife later posted on his web site. It was that image which caught the eye of postal officials who were searching for an artist to design the Oklahoma Centennial stamp.

"Everyone knows that I'm a people painter, so when they called and the first thing they stipulated was 'no people' all



**Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, seated at right, and Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry listen as Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen speaks during unveiling ceremonies for the Oklahoma Centennial Postage Stamp he designed. Mr. Larsen's wife Martha joined him at the podium.**

I could think of was 'Holey Moley!' or something to that effect," Mr. Larsen said with a chuckle that brought laughter from the crowd.

Susan Plonkey, U.S. Postal

Service vice president for customer service, was a featured speaker at the unveiling ceremony.

"This stamp beautifully reflects one of the many impres-

sive natural resources found in Oklahoma," she said. "The stamp also pays tribute to the musical Oklahoma. And I think all Oklahomans in fact all Americans will be pleased with the portrayal of our 46<sup>th</sup> state in this miniature work of art.

"The Postal Service is the oldest, most trusted public service institution in the country and we feel it is a national treasure. We are thrilled to honor another national treasure – the beautiful state of Oklahoma – with a postage stamp to commemorate its centennial anniversary."

A mock postage truck delivered the stamp to Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry as the Oklahoma City University band and chorus performed "Hey Mr. Postman."

Progressively larger images of the stamp were revealed to enable the audience of about 250 to see the image clearly.

That process culminated with a 19-foot tall banner being unfurled as the OCU musicians

performed "Oh, what a beautiful mornin'."

"We are so fortunate to have so many talented artists in this state, and Mike Larsen is one of the absolute best," said Gov. Henry. "I believe that your masterpiece really captures the spirit of Oklahoma. That spirit of how positive and bright things are in this state."

Following the unveiling of the stamp, Mr. Larsen presented the original painting of the Oklahoma Centennial postage stamp to Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby.

"It is a source of great pride that the image of a sunrise painted by a Chickasaw master artist was chosen to commemorate the Oklahoma Centennial," said Gov. Anoatubby. "The selection of this image by this artist is symbolic of the dawning of a new and even brighter century of progress for all people in the state."

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*Working to provide; studying to improve*

## Innovative program blends work, school, family

The Chickasaw Nation recently initiated a "School to Work Program." The program is operated through the Landscaping department, a part of the Division of Facilities and Support.

The program is designed to provide an opportunity for citizens to pursue technical school training, or a college degree, while still maintaining full-time employment with benefits.

"Every Chickasaw who desires to obtain a higher education will have that opportunity," Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "This program is just another way we can provide a means for citizens to reach their educational goals while still providing for their families."

Participants apply for positions with the Landscaping department and are interviewed and assessed. Each individual is issued a score based upon their assessment. As positions open up in the program, individuals are hired to fill those spots based upon their scores. Once hired, the individual becomes a full-time landscaping technician and begins working within the program.

Once in the program, technicians spend part of each day in

the classroom at the school of their choice pursuing a trade or degree. The rest of the day is spent working with the Landscaping department. Throughout the program, technicians earn a full-time paycheck and credit toward their degree.

Citizens who may not even have a high school diploma can also take part in the program by first obtaining their GED.

Landscaping department director Danny Wall is excited about the opportunities this new program will provide to Chickasaw citizens who want to pursue a trade or degree but have been unable to in the past.

"The 'School to Work Program' is an incredible idea," he said. "This program is not just helping the individual, but the whole family."

Technician Ginger Sanders, a 32-year-old mother from Wynnewood, Okla., majoring in pre-pharmacy at East Central University, echoed that thought saying, "My children see me studying and it's easier to get them to do so. My 10-year-old daughter is now talking about going to college and what she wants to major in. I feel my family is being drawn closer by this."

Career counselors also work with each technician to help complete enrollment paperwork, apply for financial aid, find childcare, build an academic plan and prepare for entry into the workforce.

Shawna Jackson serves as the Ada area career counselor. Don Mose serves in the Ardmore area. Both work with technicians from the time they enter the program through graduation.

"This program has helped my family financially," said 36-year-old Jeremy Walsh. "It has provided us with living comforts that we wouldn't normally have."

Walsh is working to obtain his Heavy Equipment Operator certification from the Pontotoc Technology Center in Ada.

"The more knowledge you have the better you are," he said. "No one can take knowledge from you."

Currently both area programs have reached their 40-student capacity, but as technicians graduate and begin careers, spots will be filled with new applicants.

Applicants are not limited to only the Ada and Ardmore areas. Citizens from across the Chickasaw Nation can take part in the program and the department plans on expanding to other areas in the future.

Some of the department's landscaping work can already be seen at the Chickasaw Capitol Building in Tishomingo and at several senior sites and other new facilities across the Chickasaw Nation.

Field coordinators Buster Smith, in Ada, and Wade Whittington, in Ardmore, oversee the landscaping and lawn maintenance work that is being done. A group of supervisors, who are experts in the field, offer hands-on training and help to eight crews of technicians.

Four of the crews work creating and maintaining landscaping projects at tribal buildings and facilities, while the other four crews do lawn and yard maintenance for Chickasaw elders and disabled citizens at their private residences.

All of the landscaping and lawn design is created by the field manager, Donny Roll-



**Chris Henry directs Warren Alexander on the tractor while the team does ground work near the Chickasaw Council House Museum in Tishomingo. Thomas Worcester watches as Alexander maneuvers the machinery.**

ings, who works with the field coordinators and supervisors in both areas.

Citizens can apply for the program at any time throughout the year through the Chickasaw Nation Human Resources Department.

Elders and disabled citizens interested in receiving lawn care

should contact the landscaping department.

For more information about the "School to Work Program" or questions about the Landscaping department, call (580) 421-7728.

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**Landscaping Technician Keeyona Seals waters and weeds a newly created flowerbed.**



**Jay Wisdom and Michael Markum work together installing a lawn drainage system at the Chickasaw Capitol Grounds in Tishomingo.**



## 'Its About Money'

## Bank2 actively investing in lives of young Chickasaws

**By Ross Hill**  
**CEO**  
**Bank2**

If you are like me, there is a good possibility that you are who you are because someone took an interest in you somewhere along life's way. Who we are is in many ways the summation of our life's experiences. What we do with those experiences determines the kind of people we become.

In 2003, Bank2 became intentional about investing in the lives of Chickasaw young people when we established the Bank2 Internship Program. We have had seven great Chickasaw college students participate in the opportunity, but arguably none have been more outstanding than Chris Moody. Chris is a senior political science major at the University of Oklahoma and a proud Chickasaw. When he was a sophomore, University of Oklahoma President David Boren recognized Chris as the most outstanding student in his class. He is also a recipient of the \$4,000 Bank2 Robert Walton Memorial Scholarship presented by the Chickasaw Education Foundation.

With such recognition and accomplishment it might be easy to conclude that Chris has come from ideal circumstances. But such is not the case. In fact, Chris and his family faced many hardships throughout his upbringing, but he was blessed with the influence of his loving and caring Chickasaw grandmother. She is his inspiration in many ways. Her sacrifice and commitment to him is a driving force in his life.

"I didn't grow up on the rich side of town but I did grow up in an atmosphere where someone believed in me," Chris shared with me recently. "I didn't have as many opportunities as some but one thing is for sure, I couldn't have gotten where I am today on my own."

Chris will be the first in his family to graduate from college. He is a talented and gifted young man. As a Bank2 intern he has worked side-by-side with me on a daily basis. He has been with me in both private and public meetings. We have spent many hours on the road, more times

than not staying in cheap hotels and eating cafe food in order to share the Chickasaw Bank2 story with hundreds of people.

Not only has he served in entry level positions but he has also played an active role as a member of our team. Chris was the central figure in the development and redesign of the new Bank2 Website. He spearheaded our Internet banking product development as the Project Leader and made sure our new Website launch was a success. You can see his work firsthand at [www.bank2.biz](http://www.bank2.biz). Chris has made critical presentations to our board of directors and has even been elected by the board as a member of the Bank2 Information Technology Committee. He is currently conducting a financial analysis of the bank's commercial and real estate customers. His analysis plays a vital role in the success of our next federal bank examination. Quite frankly, he is a bright and intelligent young man with an incredible future. He has taken advantage of every opportunity we've given him.

Chris shared with me recently

the difference Bank2 has made in his life.

"The Bank2 internship has given me an opportunity to see how a business can be used to make a difference in the lives of others. I've learned that business can be about helping people. Leaders at the bank have taught me how banking is a great way to meet real needs in the lives of so many Native Americans," Chris explained. "Everyday I see smiles on the faces of people in my tribe as they buy their first home, buy their first car or start their own business because Bank2 is there to see them through. I'm proud that my tribe takes such an interest in its people. Someday I hope to be an inspiration to Chickasaw young people. I want them to know that just because you grow up with less it doesn't mean you can't get the most out of life, especially when you take the time to invest in the lives of others."

With interns like Chris it is easy to see why we plan to make the Bank2 internship available to Chickasaw young people for many years to come. If you or someone you know might be



**Ross Hill, seated, and Chickasaw intern Chris Moody.**

interested in a Bank2 internship for 2007, please have them contact Bank2's HR department in January of 2007. The future has never looked brighter at Bank2.

By the way, last month I invited you to vote on whether we should keep the penny or get rid of it. The votes are in and 56% of you think we should get rid of the penny.

Ross A. Hill is president-CEO of Bank2. Bank2 is a growing \$85 mil-

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# Meet Chickasaw Foundation vice-chair Hartley-Kelso



**Deanna Hartley-Kelso**

Deanna Hartley-Kelso, a native of Fort Worth, Texas, is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and currently serves as its Attorney General and Administrator for the Justice Division.

Prior to serving in this capacity, Deanna also served as General Counsel for the Legal Division and was also the first Legislative Counsel for the Chickasaw Nation Legislature.

Her prior employment includes general corporate work as Associate Corporate Counsel for

Color Tile, Inc. in Fort Worth, and General Counsel for Marketing Investors Corp. in Dallas. She is a 1993 graduate of Tulsa University Law School where she earned her J.D. She is a 1989 graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington where she earned her B.A. in Political Science with a minor in Business Administration.

Deanna is licensed to practice law in the State of Texas and the State of Oklahoma as well as the tribal courts of the Chickasaw

Nation and Muscogee (Creek) Nation. She also is a member of the Oklahoma Indian Bar Association, Native American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association and a Fellow and 10-year member of The College of the State Bar of the State of Texas.

As for community activities, she is the Vice-Chair of the Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees, a citizen appointee to the Arkansas Riverbed Authority, an adjunct professor at East Central University in Ada, Okla., and a previous volunteer

for North Texas Legal Services-American Indian Law Project.

Deanna also serves on numerous other boards and committees within the Chickasaw Nation as well as representing the Chickasaw Nation at the United Nations Working Group on the Draft Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Geneva, Switzerland.

She is married to John Kelso and they have a 14-month-old son, Dylan Cole. We are proud to have her as our Vice-Chairman!



## Employee Charitable Contribution Plan

The Chickasaw Foundation would like to ask the contributors who donate to the Foundation to notify them of any address changes due to the recent 911, laws or if you have moved. We will need to update your address so that you may receive your year-end tax receipt.

The Chickasaw Foundation donates the money from this plan to local charities and/or organizations. One of the items we established this year was the Chickasaw Foundation Upward

Bound and Educational Talent Search Leadership Scholarship. This scholarship is designated for a graduating Chickasaw Foundation program senior who will be a freshman this fall at any college or university.

The first recipients of these scholarships were Ms. Kimberly Lewis and Ms. Ambher Williams. Kimberly is from Ardmore, Okla. and is currently a freshman at Murray State College majoring in nursing. Ambher is from Thackerville, Okla.,

and is currently a freshman at Murray State College majoring in elementary education.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search programs are operated in offices located on the campus of Murray State College. Please contact Ms. Elaine Benson, director, at (580) 371-9903 for questions about the programs.

## Friends of the Foundation

Please mark your calendars for the Chickasaw Foundation's 5<sup>th</sup> annual Friends of the Foundation reception November 17, 2006 at the Ada First Baptist Church, Education Building Atrium, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

This event is conducted to honor our donors and volunteers who give their time, resources

and talents to assist with our events, activities and programs throughout the year. The Chickasaw Foundation will present awards, and refreshments will be provided along with an auction of Native American artwork.

Please visit our website within the coming weeks to view our auction items.

## Cultural Evening 2006

What a turnout we had for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Cultural Evening on October 3 at Kullihoma. The event was conducted in conjunction with the Chickasaw Festival.

It showcased Native American artisans and our Chickasaw culture. There was an activity area just for children and a free barbecue meal was provided.

## Scholarship Deadline

The Chickasaw Foundation announces an extended deadline for Chickasaw citizens applying for the Pearl Carter Scott Aviation Scholarship. The deadline for completed applications is Thursday, October 19, 2006.

One scholarship for \$1,250 will be awarded annually to a Chickasaw student pursuing a course of study in aviation (such as aviation maintenance technology, flight training, aviation law, air traffic control, aeronautical engineering, aerospace mechanical engineering, manufacturing engineering with an aviation emphasis, airline and airport operations, airport management, meteorology, aviation technology management or a related field approved by the Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees) at a college, university

or recognized private aviation school. To continue to receive annual scholarship awards, students must demonstrate appropriate progress toward a degree in an aviation program.

The Wiley Post Commission and the Chickasaw Nation wish to preserve and honor the memory of Mrs. Pearl Carter Scott through this scholarship. Mrs. Scott was a famed Chickasaw aviatrix, who was a pioneer in her work in aviation and to her work with the Chickasaw Nation. She displayed the courage, strength of character and indomitable spirit that was an inspiration to everyone who knew her.

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# Foundation Upward Bound students take in summer activities

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students ended their summer academic session with exciting trips to several summer fun spots.

The students who will be seniors in the fall went to South Padre Island, Texas, July 10-14.

Their activities included a day at the beach swimming and boogie boarding in the Gulf of Mexico, souvenir shopping, fishing in the bay, dolphin watching and Schlitterbahn Water Park.

July 17-21 the sophomore students traveled to San Antonio,

Texas. They visited the Alamo, River Center Mall, Schlitterbahn Water Park, Sea World and took a riverboat tour.

The junior students went to Durango, Colo., July 24-28. Their activities included the Durango Soaring

Club glider flights, shopping in downtown Durango, attending movies, Mesa Verde National Park and Hot Air Balloon rides in Pagosa Springs. Students learned how to inflate the balloons and take them down to be packed into the trailers.

The Bridge students, who were actual college students during the summer at Murray State College, also went to South Pa-

dre Island, on July 31 - August 5. They spent a day at the beach swimming and boogie boarding in the Gulf of Mexico, souvenir shopping, riding the rides at Schlitterbahn Water Park, parasailing, snorkeling and a dinner cruise where they spotted wild dolphins and watched ships come into port.

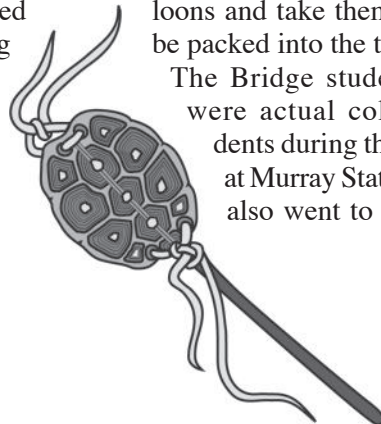
All the students and staff returned with fun memories of summer adventures.



**Senior Trip – Picture at Osprey Fishing Dock –** Curtis Harpole, Sharla Dewitt, Angela Moore, Jessica Fels, Michael Brown, Travis Phipps, Haylee Pittman, Lyndsey McNeil, Jessica Carter, Brooklyn Riley, Kevin McBride, Starlet Etheridge, Amanda Riley, Nina Lawrence, Rebecca Moore, Justin Costley, Jacob Hubbard, Amanda Brantley, Amanda Sanner, Camelia Hamil, Sirena Adams, Jen Rose Wall, Lilnita Lozana, Brittany Waldrop, Jessica Simpson and Rachel Wilkins. Staff/Chaperones: Susan Webb, Rici Love, Tony Bennett, Steve Kile, Johnna Walker and Tracie Carter.



**Sophomore Trip – Picture at The Alamo –** Justin Dillard, Alex Moore, Trey Perry, Thomas Ryals, Jerry Rojas, Cody Austin, Dustin Edwards, Jacob Rankin, Stephanie Gutendorf, Amber Gaede, Kasi Morgan, Heather Pugh, Kathryn Robertson, Cynthia Lozano, Kara Price and Christi Coughenour. Staff/Chaperones: Susan Webb, Rici Love, Tony Bennett, Steve Kile, Johnna Walker, Deborah Hook and Lynn Chatfield.



**Junior Trip – Picture at Balloon Rides –** Taylor Britt, Josh Hammond, Riley Harpole, Lee Griffith, Jessica Willis, Emalee Munn, Tania Santillan, Chelsie Courtney, Heather Turner, Danielle Smith, Tosha Deal, Heather Stinnett, Nathan Williams, Armon Wilson, Peyton Woolly, Colton Robertson, Stephanie Benner, Jennifer Pedigo, Jessica Suttles, Candace Maxey and Jacob Standridge. Staff/Chaperones: Susan Webb, Rici Love, Steve Kile, Tony Bennett, Michelle Wilson and Lisa Daniels.



**Bridge Trip – Picture at Breakaway Cruises -** Nick Lambert, Felix Martinez, Ambher Williams, Shane Woolly, Kim Lewis, Melissa Samis, Crystal Schwartz and Heather Baker. Staff/Chaperone: Susan Webb, Rici Love, Steve Kile, Tony Bennett, Lynn Chatfield and Waylon Cotanny.



# Tuscumbia - a study of the Colberts and Chickasaw lore

## By RICHARD GREEN Contributing Writer

At the east end of Spring Park, adjacent to downtown Tuscumbia, AL, is a large man-made waterfall and larger than life-size bronze statue of an Indian woman. Together they are dedicated to the memory of Im-mi-Ah-key, wife of Chickasaw Chief Tuscumbia, for whom the town is named.

These are beautiful works and their prominent placement insures that they are seen by thousands of tourists who come every year mainly to see Helen Keller's birthplace and home. But the statue doesn't honor only the Chickasaw woman, of which virtually nothing is known, but rather those Indians who traveled on the Trail of Tears, including Chickasaws like Im-mi-Ah-key, who used to call the area home.

The statue is also a metaphor for my visit to Tuscumbia September 7-9. I was in town to attend the first annual Colbert Reunion and meet area residents who believe they are descended from Chickasaws, most from Chief George Colbert or his brother Chief Levi Colbert. They both had homes and businesses there in the early 1800s. Like the statue commemorating the former Indian presence, there are many other places in the Tuscumbia area that are known by residents to be associated with the Colberts, specifically, or the Chickasaws. But beyond

that association, there was little, if any, elaboration.

Most people I met had some genealogical papers and tidbits of information gleaned from their relatives and friends. Many had old photos of their ancestors and they invariably pointed out the ones who looked Indian.

The Colberts and other Chickasaws lived around what became Tuscumbia from around 1800 to removal. Some left prior to 1837 to rejoin the homeland Chickasaws in the Tupelo-Pontotoc area; others didn't leave until removal was underway. Stories abound, however, that some Chickasaws did not leave. Levi Colbert died at his daughter's house and was buried near or under his home at Buzzard Roost, a few miles to the west. Other Chickasaws who were loaded into boats at Tuscumbia Landing on the first part of the removal journey simply went overboard and disappeared into the forest. In their honor, the land thereabouts, formerly known as the Chickasaw hunting grounds, became Freedom Hills. Their descendants are said to be scattered about the county, the name of which is ironic in one sense and fitting in another: Colbert County.

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I was invited to Tuscumbia by Annie Cooper, a bright, energetic and engaging woman who grew up in the area and in recent years has turned some of her attention to the community's Native American past. She and her brother, John McWilliams, were told that their grandfather, a Walker, was one-quarter Chickasaw; their grandmother was an Underwood and probably Chickasaw as well. Some Underwoods in the area received a Chickasaw reservation, but the links from them to their grandmother have yet to be made.

Annie and John have been finding and collecting pertinent documents and meeting others who possibly

share their Indian heritage and definitely share their interest in finding information on the area's Indian past. As a result, Annie, who works at Tuscumbia's Coldwater Books, has become an event planner and coordinator.

She was thinking about organizing a possible reenactment of Indians walking to Tuscumbia Landing (for the removal trip west). In discussing this with her friend a Mohawk medicine man, she said, "He told me, 'They should be going the other way,' not to the landing, but from the landing. A coming home. I loved the symbolism immediately." Thus, the event, *Oka Kapassa* (meaning cold water—after the cold-water spring in the park) came to be.

For that occasion and other activities, a group of Chickasaw elders and the Chickasaw dance troupe would be in town for the weekend. Another event was the first annual Colbert Reunion, organized by Annie. To establish contact with the Chickasaw Nation, several local histories were sent to Ada. Later, Annie told Chickasaw tribal genealogist Dinah Worcester that several Colbert descendants live in Tuscumbia. Dinah suggested it would be nice to all get together sometime. Annie says she took it from there, enhancing her skills at documenting history by participating in the two-week Alabama Community Scholars Program. The Reunion would feature Colbert descendants from Oklahoma, the Tuscumbia area, and points in between and beyond. Annie didn't know how many would show up, but several from northwest Alabama RSVPed.

We looked north across the Spring Park pond in the direction of downtown, and she pointed toward a brick building housing Coldwater Books. She said just south of there was the location of Pitman Colbert's store. It is known today as Pitman Colbert's corner, but marks the supposed location that his father Chief George Colbert, as removal neared, delivered an oration against how badly the United States government had treated the tribe that had been a U.S. ally.

A little to the west and above

the pond is a hill that was Chief Tuscumbia's settlement, she said. The story goes that Tuscumbia's people were here at the time that white settlers (mainly the Dicksons) arrived around 1815. The Chickasaws welcomed them, and they promptly developed a town they called Big Spring. In 1822, a vote was held to rename the town, to Anniston (after a Dickson child named Annie) or Tuscumbia, after the chief. According to the Dicksons, Chief Tuscumbia won the election by one vote. As a gesture of goodwill, the chief supposedly gave the child a beaded pair of moccasins.

I looked across the crest of the hill, from Chief Tuscumbia's settlement to the Colberts' store, only a couple of hundred yards away. And I noted that it is curious that despite their being so close through the early 1800s, there are no stories (that I heard) about any interaction between them.

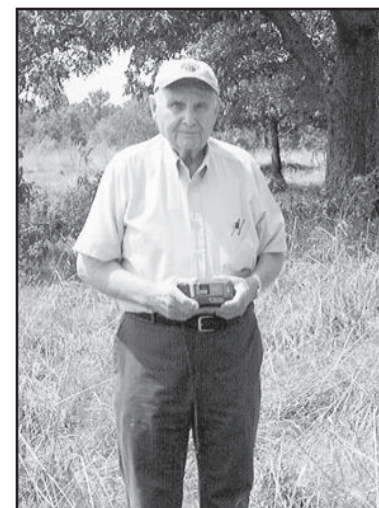
It was like that for me in Tuscumbia. Two steps forward, one step back.

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I called Tuscumbia resident and Colbert descendent Reed Kirkland, who had invited me to visit Tuscumbia several months ago. The 84-year-old recently completed radiation treatments for prostate cancer, but was feeling quite well. He was anxious to show me the fruits of his genealogical research, but was even more eager to drive us to a backwoods' family cemetery.

He spent most of our time at his house (next door to Helen Keller's birthplace) talking about his favorite ancestor, Presley Tharp. He introduced him by way of a story that everyone I met in Tuscumbia seemed to know. George Colbert didn't want his daughter, Nancy to go to Indian Territory. Because a provision of the Chickasaw removal treaty stated that all tribal members had to be removed, Colbert sought to circumvent the treaty by offering to give any white man money and land if he would marry Nancy.

According to Reed's research, Heseekiah Tharp accepted the offer in 1825. (Noted Colbert researcher Don Martini doesn't list Nancy as a child of George Colbert in his self-published



**Reed Kirkland stands in front of the damaged Tharp Cemetery.**

1998 genealogical notebook, *Who was Who Among the Southern Indians*.) Still, Reed gave me a chart showing that Nancy was the daughter of Colbert and his second wife, Salechie, a daughter of Cherokee chief Doublehead. Of Nancy and Heseekiah's nine children, Presley was number seven, born in 1844.

He was raised "in the Indian way," according to Reed, until this Chickasaw fought in the Civil War—for the Union! After the war, he returned to the area and somehow became both a successful businessman and head of the school system of nearby Littleville. He reputedly built a house there that was a replica of his grandfather George Colbert's house that the chief had constructed with considerable financial support from the U.S. in 1806.

Presley died of "weak lungs" in 1890 and is buried along with his parents and other relatives in the family cemetery, the one Reed wanted to show me. The drive didn't take long, but the hike did. To begin, we squeezed between a locked gate (we did have the landowner's permission to be there) and the barbed wire fence. Then, we walked along a dirt road until a gradually encroaching forest narrowed and then erased almost all trace of the path. At the point of giving up, we saw another six-foot tall gate, which Reed said marked the entrance to the pasture in which the cemetery was located under a grove of trees.

It had been four years since  
*See TUSCUMBIA VISIT,*  
page 34



**Annie Cooper**



# Chickasaws attend Tuscumbia Oka Kapassah (Cold Water) Festival

## Submitted by Robert Perry

The Oka Kapassah Festival was held September 7-8 in Colbert County, Alabama. Colberts, the old Chickasaws, our ancestors had homes and businesses there before the migration to Indian Territory. Long ago, our tribal council meetings were held around a big Spring at Tuscumbia. This year, the Council of Elders, the Chickasaw Dance Troupe, Chickasaw Historical Society, the Shields Family, Chickasaw Legislator Scott Colbert and other Oklahoma Chickasaws came to make this a wonderful time. The local Colberts and our Oklahoma Colberts were gathered Sep-

tember 6<sup>th</sup> to cross-fertilize our knowledge about ancestors. The Festival graciously honored Minnie Shields, who attended the 2006 festival and was loved by everyone.

Another big event was the "Walk of Life" and I want to focus on this. Back in the 1830's when the Southeastern tribes were being forcibly migrated; some of them were treated very well by the Tuscumbians. They still had to make the 2.1 mile walk from Tuscumbia to the Tennessee River, where native people were loaded on riverboats. That was a sad time to leave everything behind. This year, the Festival did the reverse of a sad time with the Walk of Life starting at the

Tuscumbia Landing, returning to Tuscumbia. The reverse of a sad time is a time for healing; an uplifting experience for all who came for the Walk and the Festival.

The Festival committee wanted the Council of Elders to be a part of the Walk, to sing the Chickasaw or Choctaw language version of "48" to the tune of Amazing Grace. Knowing that all the elders are over sixty years of age, they even provided two horse-drawn wagons to accommodate anyone who couldn't endure a 2.1 mile walk. Other Indian tribes were part of the festival and all were invited to take part. Flora Perry was the oldest member of the Council of Elders, but as we will see, she



Lee Frazier (far left), three Council of Elders members; Flora Perry (blue dress), O.C. Beshirs (right of Flora), Shirley Duncan (right of O.C.).

didn't know that, nor care. When Flora was asked which wagon she wanted to ride, her choice was to ride one of the horses. A short and stocky Cherokee man with a Harley Davidson t-shirt offered to "toss the little lady up there." She shoed him away. When the horses took off leading the throng of 66 people, Flora was walking.

At the one mile mark, many of the younger sprouts were falling out and asking to ride the bus that picked up stragglers.

Flora was going strong. Three blocks from the end of the long walk in downtown Tuscumbia the Walk Leader, a Poarche Creek, asked Flora to lead the group into the Festival grounds. We waited for the tail-end to

catch up. Then, Flora shifted into a higher gear of will power that spiritually lifted the group trailing behind as we entered the Oka Kapassah Park.

Lee Frazier led us in prayer and the Council of Elders sang two old hymns for the crowd; they loved it. Many of the crowd wanted to show their appreciation to Flora, their new-found role model of physical fitness. After hugs to go around, Flora addressed her audience, "You people just walked my legs off!" She was teasing. They knew it and laughed.

Anyhow, Flora Perry was the hit of the Festival and everyone will remember the Unconquered and Unconquerable Chickasaw.

## Directory established for tribal entrepreneurs

A directory of businesses owned by Chickasaws is being created to help promote economic opportunity for tribal entrepreneurs.

There is no cost to be listed in the directory, which will include the name of the business, contact and location informa-

tion, as well as information on the goods or services provided by the business.

In addition to a printed directory, a web site will be created to enable electronic access to all information.

Chickasaws with a CDIB who

would like to be listed in the directory should provide the information requested on the form below via email to vicky.gold@chickasaw.net or complete the form below and return to *The Chickasaw Times*, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.

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Other contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of product/services (be specific): \_\_\_\_\_

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D.A.R.E., G.R.E.A.T., place officers in positive role with students

## Lighthorse Police ramp up drug, gang prevention programs



The Lighthorse Police D.A.R.E. vehicle is designed to attract the attention of students.

Although recent reports show the U.S. government's \$1.4 billion anti-drug advertising campaign hasn't reduced drug use since its inception in 1998, research has shown that the 20-year-old Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program is still effective.

According to a recent study published in the Journal of the National Medical Association, students who completed the D.A.R.E. program were five times less likely to even start smoking. Thirty other independent studies supported the effectiveness of the program.

The Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department (LPD) believes early intervention and prevention is the key to battling drug abuse and violence.

The LPD has implemented D.A.R.E. and Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) programs for elementary and middle schools within the 13 counties of the Chickasaw Nation. Full-time D.A.R.E. officer Dusk Monetathchi said it was a community effort to prevent drug abuse, crime and violence.

"Both resistance programs are a collaborative effort by certified law enforcement officers,

educators, students, parents and the community to encourage positive behavior and prevent crime," said Monetathchi.

The D.A.R.E. program, founded in 1983, is designed to be taught by police officers who inform students about drugs, tobacco and alcohol, good decision-making skills, peer pressure and positive alternatives to drug use.

"The curriculums are taught by police officers because their training and experience give them the background needed to answer sophisticated questions," said LPD Police Chief Jason O'Neal.

While the D.A.R.E. program focuses on information, the G.R.E.A.T. program, started in 1991, focuses on providing life skills to students to help them avoid delinquent behavior and violence to solve problems.

Chief O'Neal predicts the programs combined will have a significant impact on how students view drugs and violence. Presentations are scheduled to begin in mid-September. If your school is interested, call (580) 436-7213.

*Contributed by Kandis Murdock, tribal media relations.*

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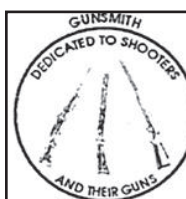
### **Ken Lance**, continued from page 3

people," Mr. Sherrell said.

"Throughout his life in rodeo, sometimes he would make a little money, and sometimes he would lose a little money. But it never changed the way he related to people. He loved them and was always ready to help others."

People will remember Mr. Lance in his sparkling western outfits, entering his rodeo arena on his favorite horse. Or, they will remember him offering a big smile and assistance at Carl Albert Hospital.

All will remember him as one terrific guy.



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*Frazier Gunsmithing*

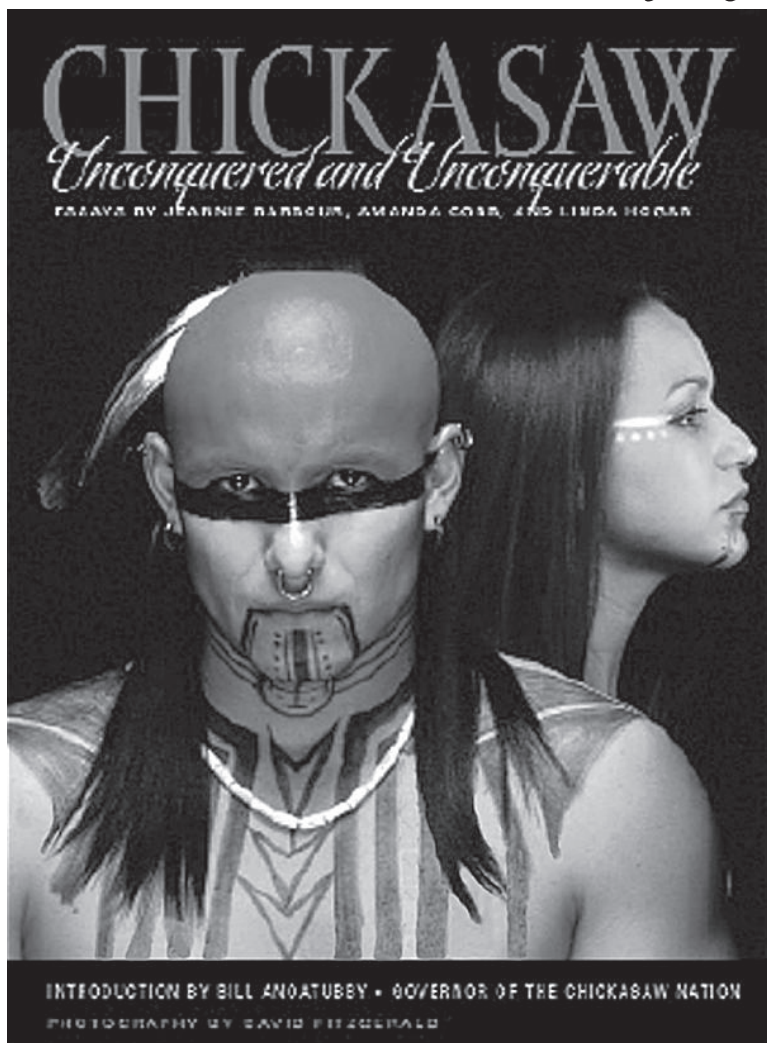
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# 'Chickasaw' the story of our people's survival, tradition, success



Telling the story of a single person through the pages of a book is a daunting task. Conveying the story of a people through text and images in a single volume seems almost insurmountable.

Nevertheless, the dozens of individuals involved in creating "Chickasaw: Unconquered and Unconquerable" have achieved a level of success even they might not have imagined.

Bill Anoatubby, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, said, "Readers will experience a story of survival, persistence, history and culture of a people not only determined to survive, but to prosper and build successful and meaningful lives."

From cover to cover, this carefully crafted tome allows the reader to experience at least some of what it means to be Chickasaw.

Cover images of a Chickasaw family provide a metaphor for the journey of a people.

Married couple Malcolm and Kara Smith who model an eighteenth century Chickasaw couple on the front cover, also appear on the back, joined by their daughter Neveah.

While the change in culture is evidenced by the lack of traditional face paint on the couple

in the latter photo, the eyes in both images provide a window to the unchanging resolve and indomitable spirit of Chickasaw people.

Their daughter, who seems to symbolize a new generation of hope, exhibits the same characteristics.

As one turns the pages of this beautiful work of art the photographs and essays transport the reader into the land, life, culture and mind of the Chickasaw.

Photos of the homelands accomplish more than merely enabling the viewer to get a glimpse of the beauty of rich vegetation, old growth forests and rolling landscapes.

These beautiful images are coupled with expressive text which helps the reader feel the emotional connection between the Chickasaw people and the land they refer to as the "gift given by the creator."

Similarly, the prose and images describing the rebuilding of a nation allow the reader to undergo the same emotions many Chickasaws may have experienced as they moved from sorrow borne of loss to hope for a new tomorrow as part of the greater community.

Understanding this much of the journey is essential in under-

standing the cultural identity of a Chickasaw.

"A person cannot travel the journey of life without first understanding where he or she has come from or why he or she is moving forward," writes Jeannie Barbour in the section entitled "Our Fire."

Even non-Chickasaws learning of the tribal culture of caring for others and the long-standing

tradition of adoption may begin to feel a part of the Chickasaw family

"The Chickasaw Nation Today" and "Chickasaw Portraits" seem to draw the reader even closer.

Images of people, places and events in the modern Chickasaw Nation are accompanied by textual confirmation that the tradi-

tion of close-knit community remains intact.

Portraits of Chickasaw elders, men, women, teens and children complete the journey for the reader who comes to realize these people really possess what Gov. Anoatubby calls an "intangible element" which makes the Chickasaw people "unconquered and unconquerable."

## New book, Chickasaw Press launched

A book launch for "Chickasaw: Unconquered and Unconquerable" 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7 near the historic Capitol of the Chickasaw Nation in Tishomingo, Okla., will also launch the Chickasaw Press.

"It seems very fitting for this masterful work telling the story of the Chickasaw people to be the first book published by the Chickasaw Press," said Bill Anoatubby, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation. "This volume provides a glimpse of the Chickasaw story which will serve as a source of pride and inspiration to Chickasaws and a source of insight and understanding to non-Chickasaws."

Chickasaw writers Jeannie Barbour, Dr. Amanda Cobb and Linda Hogan provide their perspective on the history, heritage, culture, spirituality and mindset of the Chickasaw people.

Barbour teaches Chickasaw history classes and lectures on Chickasaw political structure and culture. She is an award-

winning artist who has done extensive research on Chickasaw culture and documented little known facts about that culture in her art work. Several images of her art work appear in the book.

Dr. Cobb provides an essay on Chickasaw Boarding Schools.

She is the author of "Listening to our Grandmothers' Stories: The Bloomfield Academy for Chickasaw Females," which won the 2001 American Book Award and the North American Indian Prose Award. Dr. Cobb, who earned her Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma, is an assistant professor in the Department of Native American Studies at the University of New Mexico.

Ms. Hogan is a prolific author whose career spans more than two decades. She has won several awards, including the Five Civilized Tribes Playwriting Award, the Guggenheim Award, the Before Columbus Foundation American Book award and

the Wordcraft Circle's Writer of the Year (Prose-Fiction) award.

Award-winning photographer David Fitzgerald captures images of the Chickasaw people, the homelands and life after removal.

Fitzgerald has been named Oklahoma Photographer of the Year three times and was inducted into the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame in April 2005.

The book launch will be the second event of the week marking significant progress in a comprehensive effort to offer more Chickasaw history and culture to the reading public.

That effort, outlined by Gov. Anoatubby in his Oct. 2005 state of the nation address, includes the publishing company, a series of publication awards and a center for the study of Chickasaw culture and history.

"We hope to provide encour-

*See Chickasaw Press, page 36*

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*Chickasaw Citizens*



## Tuscumbia Visit, continued from page 30

Reed had seen the cemetery and he was stunned by the damage. Blocks of stone were strewn about the area except for two stacks, perhaps indicating graves. The only names visible were carved on two elongated blocks: Nancy Colbert and Johnny Tharp. She was born in 1805 and died in 1878. I heard estimates of the occupancy ranging from eight to twenty; the difference could be attributable to the gradual degradation of the cemetery. It was a sad, dispiriting scene. As we were leaving, Reed said he was so disgusted that he would look into buying the land so that the cemetery could be restored and preserved.

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The Colbert Reunion was held Thursday evening in an antebellum mansion on the campus of the high school in Tuscumbia. Of the 40 to 50 participants, at least half were from the area. Most brought genealogical papers, photo albums and family stories and lore. One man said his daddy told him that James Logan Colbert, the father of George and Levi, was murdered, not thrown off his horse accidentally. "He had a lot of enemies," the man said. There was a lot of mingling, and I had lengthy conversations and exchanged contact information with several participants. Also attending was a group of Chickasaw elders and the tribal dance troupe, both groups in town primarily to participate in the walk from Tuscumbia Landing. Chickasaw legislator Scott Colbert was unobtrusively introducing himself only as Scott Colbert, and a heritage preservation specialist from the Poarch Creek tribe (the only federally recognized tribe in Alabama) told me he loved Tuscumbia so much that he was thinking of moving to the city.

The program featured four speakers chosen by Annie Cooper because their knowledge of the area complemented each other. One was Freda Daily, whose 2004 book, *A Heritage to Treasure*, is in part a history of the Chickasaw presence in west Colbert County. Available at the Chickasaw tribal library, the book includes descriptions of structures that no longer exist but are important in tribal history. Each location features a historical marker. Among

them:

\*George Colbert's house was built at a place named after him, Georgetown. It was two stories with a one story attached kitchen in the back. The large stone fireplace had a black walnut mantle and many glass windows, unusual for the time and place. Colbert said the house, which was located near his ferry business, cost him \$650.

\*Levi Colbert's home at Buzard Roost, about two miles west of Cherokee, AL, was built by Kilpatrick Carter, who later married Levi's daughter (unnamed in the book and in Martini's aforementioned book). It is said that Levi, who was on his way to Washington, D.C. in 1834, took sick and died in the home while visiting his daughter and son-in-law. He was buried close to a spring. Some people may still know the area if not the spot, but they don't want locations publicized.

\*The Caney Creek school, built on the west bank of Caney Creek was the last of four mission schools built for the tribe. It opened as a boarding school in 1827 with 35 students. According to an 1830 report, all students could speak English fluently and "seem thoroughly domesticated." The students were not allowed to speak their native language or discuss Chickasaw culture. This training was thought to give them the skills they would need following removal.

The next day I joined the Chickasaw elders and the dance troupe for a driving tour of supposed Chickasaw sites near Littleville. The information came from stories handed down through generations of area people. We were taken to locations said to be a camp or council ground, race track and ball field. Since these three areas were covered by brush, no trace of Chickasaw occupation was found or suggested, and the group didn't seem much impressed.

That feeling changed at Tuscumbia Landing.

If you could canoe from the pond near downtown Tuscumbia along Spring Creek for less than a mile, you would come to the Tennessee River and Tuscumbia Landing. According to Grant Foreman's book, *Indian Removal*, the Chickasaws liv-

ing in the area were removed from that place. A newspaper in Tuscumbia reported the event in early November 1837 and editorialized: "In taking leave of our red brethren and neighbors we render them no more than a just tribute to their merit, when we say that they have always stood deservedly high as a nation of Indians."

As the Chickasaw party walked along the path through the landing, they were observing and visualizing. Tribal artist Wayne Walker gathered a variety of small marine shells from the shores of Spring Creek and the Tennessee River. He said he would affix them to his buckskin clothing with sinew.

The walk from Tuscumbia Landing back to Spring Park would take place the next day. Annie stood on the bank as the sun hovered over Bear Island in the Tennessee River and talked to Wayne, Chickasaw historian Bob Perry and me. "As you've



**Wayne Walker gathers shells along the Tennessee River at Tuscumbia Landing.**

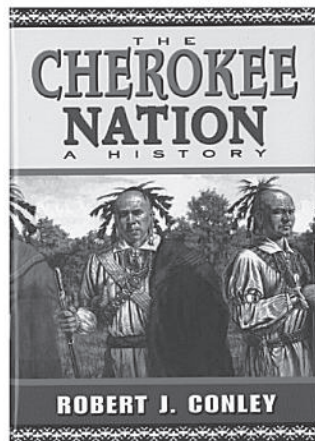
heard, times have really changed around here. It's like what our ancestors tried to keep secret [their Indian blood], we are revealing. And people are working hard to find their Indian heritage

because it's something to be proud of. Tuscumbia is opening up, saying it's time to come back and heal the wounds. That's what the walk is all about."

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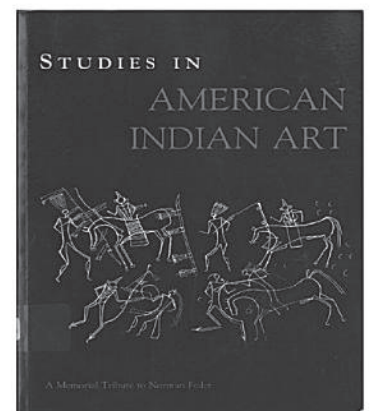
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## Resolutions, continued from page 7

### Tribal Health Board and the Southern Plains Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center

**Explanation:** This resolution offers the Chickasaw Nation's support for the Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board and the Southern Plains Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center to continue to research health issues and develop data that may be used for planning, decision-making and better utilization of resources to improve the health status and health care delivery systems serving Indian people in this region.

**Requested by:** Governor Bill Anoatubby

**Presented by:** Mary Jo Green, Committee Chair Health Committee

Steve Woods, Committee Chair Legislative Committee

**Yes votes:** Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

**General Resolution Number 23-097**

### Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

**Explanation:** This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, described as follows: Lots 11 & 12, Block 98, Original Townsite of Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, also known as 121 West Main.

**Property Location:** 121 West Main Street, Ada, Oklahoma

**Use:** Multi Media Building

**Requested By:** Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

**Presented By:** Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

**Yes votes:** Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

**No votes:** Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

**General Resolution Number 23-098**

### Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

**Explanation:** This resolu-

tion approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to accept the transfer of real property, described as follows:

A tract of land located in the W/2 SW/4 NW/4 and that part of the W/2 W/2 SW/4 lying North and West of the center line of abandoned Railroad in Section 4, Township 4 South, Range 6 East of the Indian Meridian and part of Block 105 in the Original Townsite of Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, containing 14.03 acres, more or less together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to accept or place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

**Property Location:** Pennington Creek Park, Tishomingo, Oklahoma

**Use:** To be utilized for the annual meeting.

**Requested By:** Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

**Presented By:** Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

**Yes votes:** Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

**General Resolution Number 23-099**

### Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

**Explanation:** This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, described as follows:

All of Lots 1-6 in Block 4 and all of Lots 1-4 in Block 7 and Lot 1 and the North half of Lot 2 in Block 8, Townsite of Emet, Johnston County, Oklahoma and

the S/2 SW/4 NW/4 and the NW/4 NW/4 SW/4 and the SW/4 NW/4 SW/4 and the NE/4 NW/4 SW/4, less and except 9.81 acres described as follows: Beginning at a point 344.6 feet West and 3.3 feet North of the Southeast corner of the NE/4 NW/4 SW/4 of Section 14; thence N 11E 35' E a distance

of 835.1 feet; thence West a distance 562.6 feet; thence S 11E02' W a distance of 725.1 feet; thence S 78E40' E a distance of 544.1 feet to the point of beginning, all in Section 14, Township 4 South, Range 7 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, Johnston County, Oklahoma.

**Property Location:** Emet, Oklahoma

**Use:** To expand the White House reserve.

**Requested By:** Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

**Presented By:** Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

**Yes votes:** Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

**General Resolution Number 23-101**

### Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development Grant

**Explanation:** This resolution approves an \$80,000 grant to the Chickasaw Nation. The responsibility to conduct reviews of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development's divisions of energy and mineral development and capital investment will be assigned to Chickasaw Nation Industries, which already has a business relationship with the DoI.

**Requested by:** Bill Anoatubby, Governor

**Presented by:** Dean McManus, Committee Chair Human Resources Committee

**Yes votes:** Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

**General Resolution Number 23-102**

### Declaration of Vacancy and Request for Special Election

**Explanation:** This resolution declares that a vacancy exists on the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature and that the vacancy creates an emergency. Further, this resolution requests the Governor call a special election to fill such vacancy and sets the schedule for the special election and any

run-off election.

**Requested By:** Steve Woods, Committee Chair Legislative Committee

**Presented By:** Steve Woods, Committee Chair Legislative Committee

**Yes votes:** Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

**Permanent Resolution Number 23-008**

### Amendments to Title 6 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

#### (Domestic Relations and Families)

**Explanation:** This resolution effects changes in numbering passed in PR 15-030 which were recommended by the Solicitor's office. Such changes have not been codified.

**Requested By:** Tim Colbert, Committee Chair Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

**Presented By:** Tim Colbert, Committee Chair Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

**Yes votes:** Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Wanda Black-

wood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

**Permanent Resolution Number 23-009**

### Amendments to Title 6, Chapter 3 Section 6-301.25 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Juvenile Detention)

**Explanation:** This resolution amends Section 6-301.25 of the Chickasaw Nation Code so that the Courts of the Chickasaw Nation may use any appropriate facility for the detention of juveniles, including the Sac & Fox Nation's Juvenile Detention Facility. Most cases in the Chickasaw Courts that result in the detention of a juvenile do not require a lock-down facility such as the Sac & Fox Nation's Juvenile Detention Facility.

**Requested By:** Tim Colbert, Committee Chair Court development Ad Hoc Committee

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**Yes votes:** Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

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## Mooniene Perry Ogee



Services for Mooniene Perry Ogee, 72, Ada, Okla., were Sept. 19, 2006 at Criswell Funeral Home Chapel, Ada with Virgil Romine officiating. Burial followed in Memorial Park Cemetery, Ada.

Mrs. Ogee died Sept. 16, 2006, at an Oklahoma City hospital. She was born Feb. 4, 1934, to Albert "Cash" and Stella Mae Collier Perry.

She grew up in the Homer-Oakman (OK) area, located east of Ada. She graduated from Byng High School, Ada, and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in elementary education from East Central University, Ada.

Mrs. Ogee taught school at Gerty, Okla. She later taught in Nevada and finished her teaching career at Byng. After retiring from Byng School, she accepted a position as a teacher/principal at McCall's Chapel, a private school for the physically and mentally challenged. She once again retired from teaching.

In 1992, she accepted the position of election secretary for the Chickasaw Nation, and developed an interest in tribal government. After serving in that position for one year she made the decision to seek office in the legislature and was serving in her 10th year as a Chickasaw Tribal Legislator.

Mrs. Ogee helped establish the volunteer program at Carl Albert Indian Hospital. She served as chairperson of the county unit and co-chair at the district level for the Democratic Party. She also served as a delegate to the county, district, and state conventions many times, as well as on the state executive committee of the Democratic Party. She

was chosen "The Outstanding Woman" in the Third Congressional District of Oklahoma.

She married Albion Ogee on Dec. 25, 1952.

Survivors include her husband, Albion Ogee, of the home; a brother, Albert Perry Jr, Pomona, Calif.; one uncle, nephews, nieces and many cousins.

Bearers were Bill Barrett, Ronnie Eaton, Tommy Eaton, Delton Tollett, Wilson Seawright, and Gary Coffee. Honorary bearers were the Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard.

## Renay Ann Capes Bridges



Renay Ann Capes Bridges, 51, of Hastings, Okla., died Aug. 22, 2006. Memorial services were Aug. 26, 2006 at United Methodist Church, Waurika, Okla., with Rev. Trevor Smith and Pastor James Miller officiating. Mrs. Bridges was born March 14, 1955 at the Lawton Indian Hospital, Lawton, Okla., to Walter and Bessie (Johnson) Capes.

She married Don Bridges Feb. 1, 1995 at Waurika.

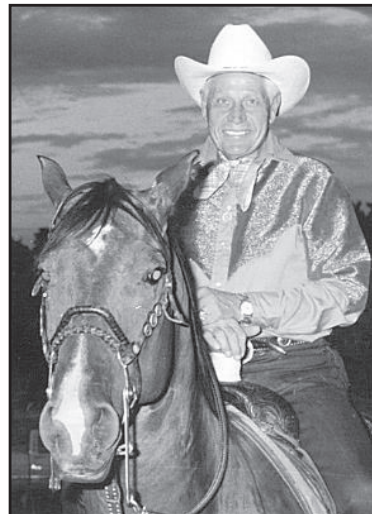
She was well known in the family for having the best homemade dressing that she made every Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday. During the day you could find her working hard on her home or out in her yard. She was very talented at making different types of Native American beadwork and several other crafts. She was a homemaker and loved her family.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Lankford Anoatubby; grandmother, Ida Anoatubby Capes; and her husband Don Bridges.

She is survived by her parents, Walter and Bessie Capes, of Waurika; a sister Phylis

Delaney and husband Everett, Ponca City, Okla.; an adopted brother, Harry Capes, Burlison, Texas; two daughters, Sandra Houston and husband Jimmy Allen, Comanche, Okla., Shelley Thompson and husband, Darren, Duncan, Okla.; a niece, Jaquie Phillips and husband, John, of Ponca City; and a nephew, Philip Shearer and wife Penny, of Ponca City.

## Ken Lance



Services for Ken Lance, 78, Union Valley, Okla., were Sept. 25, 2006 at Evangelistic Temple, Ada, Okla., with the Rev. Randall Christy officiating. Burial followed in Highland Cemetery, Stonewall, Okla. Mr. Lance died Sept. 21, 2006, at his home. He was born March 4, 1928, at Ealrsboro, Okla., to Dea and Thelma Marie Byrd Lance.

He graduated from Durant (OK) High School and lived in the Frisco, Union Valley and Fittstown areas most of his life. He was the owner of Ken Lance Sports Arena.

He married Malinda "Linda" Clifton. She died May 4, 2005.

He was preceded in death by a brother, George Lance; and a sister, Doris Pate.

Survivors include three stepdaughters, Kim Ward, Casey Thomas and husband Trevor, all of Union Valley, and Tracey Morris, Sasakwa, Okla.; a sister, June DeVough, Binger, Okla.; and grandchildren, Kash Thomas, Kaleb Thomas, Brandy White, Stoney Ward, Jami Ward, Ashly Ward, Kyle Moore, Sydney Morris and Zachary Morris.

Bearers were Jim Shoulders, Pat Turner, Gerald Flowers, Pake McEntire, Stanley Foster, Charles Holbrook, Brett Macy and Kyle Lane.

Honorary bearers are Kash

Thomas, Kaleb Thomas, Zachary Morris, Kyle Moore, Stoney Ward, Trenton East, Johnathan White, Red Steagall, Danny

Steagall, Ray Bingham, Bob Macy, Montie Smith, Ann De-frange, Leon Adams and David Pate.

## Note of Thanks

The family of Ken Lance would like to thank the people of the Chickasaw Nation for their out pouring of love during the loss of Ken.

Ken was a very special person. He dearly loved his friends at the information desk and the people of the Chickasaw Nation. He would have been so pleased to know he touched so many people's lives.

Thanks to each and everyone who came to his services, for the touching video of Ken, for all the beautiful flowers, and for all the good food.

The people of the Chickasaw Nation touched our lives by being so kind and generous.

Ken will be so deeply missed, but we can all take comfort in knowing, Ken is in a better place.

## In Memory of Renay Houston-Bridges

August 22, 2006

### An Indian Version of the Twenty-Third Psalm

The Great Father above a Shepherd Chief is. I am his and with him I want not. He throws out to me a rope and the name of the rope is Love and he draws me to where the grass is green and the water is not dangerous, and I eat and lie down and am satisfied. Sometimes my heart is very weak and falls down but he lifts me up again and draws me into a good road. His name is WONDERFUL.

Sometimes, it maybe very soon, it maybe a long, long time, He will draw me into a valley. It is dark there, but I'll be afraid not, for it is in between those mountains that the Shepherd Chief will meet me and the hunger that I have in my heart all through this life will be satisfied.

Sometimes He makes the love rope into a whip, but afterwards he gives me a staff to lean upon, He spreads a table before me with all kinds of foods. He puts his hand upon my head and all the "tired" is gone. My cup he fills is true. I lie not. These roads that are "away ahead" will stay with me through this life and after; and afterwards I will go to live in the Big Teepee and sit down with the SHEPHERD CHIEF forever.

: Amen:

With all of the love that two daughters could have in their hearts for their mother, we love you Mom.

Love Sandra Houston, Comanche, Okla.

Shelley Thompson, Duncan, Okla.

## In Memory of Bobby Joe Palmer 10/9/1984 - 9/28/2005

Bobby Joe Palmer, beloved son of Mona Hattensty and the late Edward Palmer.

It has been a year and you have been missed every hour of every day and will always be dear to our hearts and will not be forgotten.

Your family

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agement and support to authors and scholars interested in Chickasaw heritage," said Gov. Anoatubby. "By providing an outlet for their work, awards for outstanding achievements and

a resource to assist in research efforts, we believe we can do a great deal to inspire authors and expand the scope of knowledge of our tribe's history, heritage and culture."